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*Snowy Owl – Calvert County
Joe Hanfman*

A Report of MD/DC Birding & Listing

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What's The Purpose of This Report?

This is the 28th year that a report of this nature has been compiled and published. The report was begun in 1986 by Harvey Mudd, was taken on by Phil Davis in the early 1990s, and then was passed on to Norm Saunders with the 2001 List Report. After Norm's decade or so of service, Russ Ruffing assumed the reigns beginning with the 2011 Report.

This year's report mirrors the format and content of the 2012 report – 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

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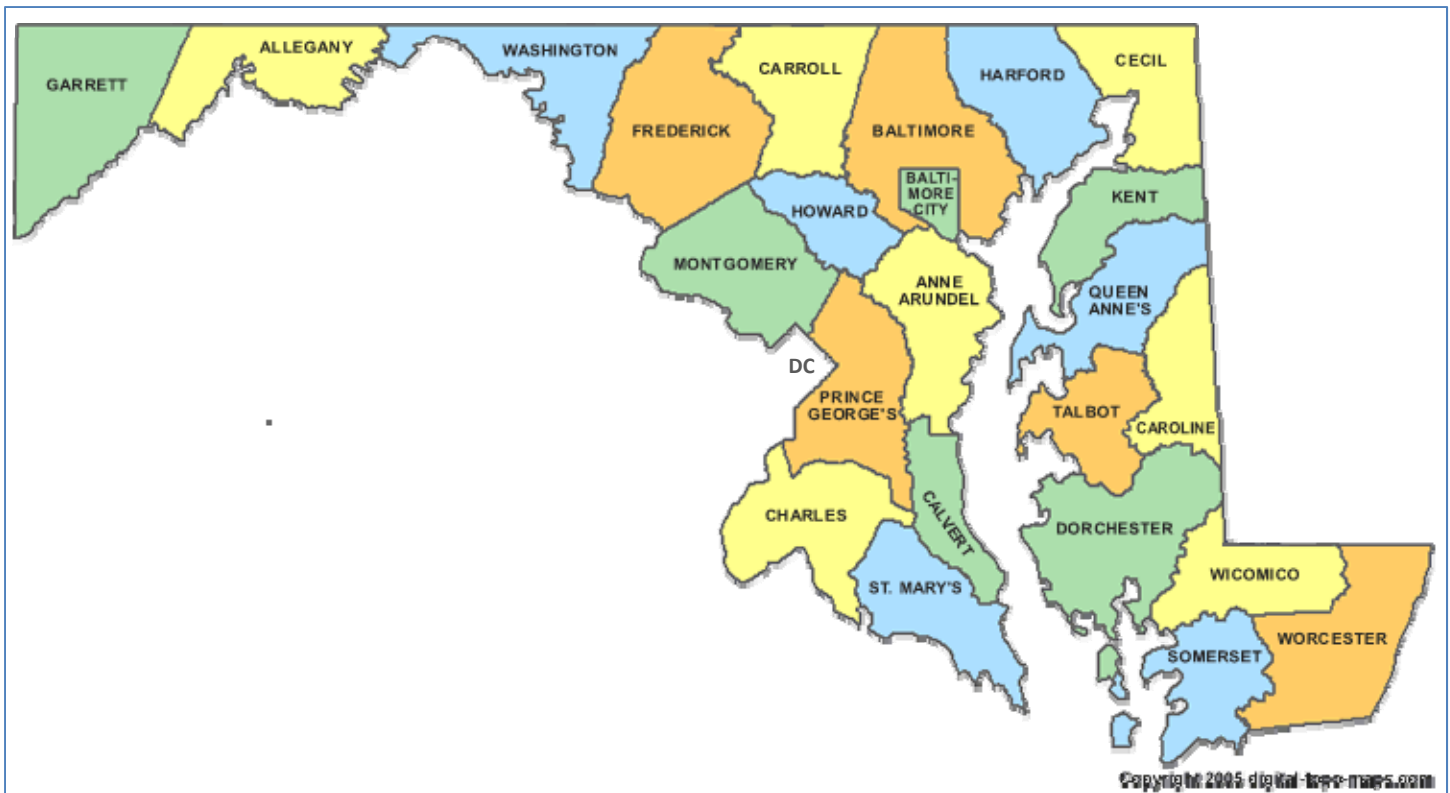
Rob Ostrowski provided many of the ideas for the summary of the Maryland/DC birding year. Jared Fisher's eBird report and David Kidwell's Comprehensive List for 2013 are both invaluable tools for Maryland/DC birders, and both reports are included as appendices to this document, as is a Table of Species by County produced by Joe Hanfman.

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

- J.B. Churchill - Garrett and Allegany
- Steve Back - Washington
- Marcia Balestri - Frederick
- Bob Ringler - Carroll
- Joe Hanfman & Russ Ruffing - Howard
- Andy Martin & David Kidwell - Montgomery
- Jon Corcoran - Baltimore
- Matt Hafner - Harford
- Sean McCandless - Cecil
- Dan Haas - Anne Arundel
- Mikey Lutmerding - Prince George's
- Fred Fallon - Calvert
- George Jett - Charles
- James Tyler Bell - St. Mary's
- Dan Small - Kent & Queen Anne's
- Dave Palmer - Caroline
- Les Roslund - Talbot
- Ron Gutberlet – Somerset & Wicomico
- Mark Hoffman - Worcester
- Paul Pisano – District of Columbia

What Area Is Covered By This Report?

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



Map of Maryland Counties



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

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

2013 Report Data Base Statistics

Number reporting for 2013: 107
 Number reporting for previous year: 111
 Number in data base: 292
 Number of new reporters for 2013: 5

Those reporting for 2013 (new participants in **red font**):

2013 Report Participants		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Name</u>
Matt Anthony	Victoria Fisher	Paul O'Brien
Henry Armistead	Kathy Fleming	Peter Osenton
Marcia Balestri	Diane Ford	Michael Ostrowski
Betsy Bangert	Ross Geredien	Robert Ostrowski
Wayne Baumgartner	Kevin Graff	Bonnie Ott
J. Tyler Bell	Jim Green	Dave Palmer
Michael Bowen	Ron Gutberlet	Howard Patterson
Dave Brenneman	Dan Haas	Helen Patton
Gwen Brewer	Matt Hafner	Dave Perry
Jim Brighton	Joe Hanfman	Paul Pisano
Carol Broderick	Elaine Hendricks	Dave Powell
Mike Burchett	Bill Hill	Evelyn Ralston
Rod Burley	Rob Hilton	Derek Richardson
Saundra Byrd	Mark Hoffman	Bob Ringler
Joe Byrnes	John Hubbell	Matt Rogosky
Kathy Calvert	Bill Hubick	Les Roslund
Tim Carney	Derek Hudgins	Russ Ruffing
Karen Caruso	Marshall Iliff	Mark Schilling
J.B. Churchill	Kye Jenkins	Kurt Schwarz
Steve Collins	George Jett	Fred Shaffer
Jon Corcoran	Mike Kerwin	Lisa Shannon
Keith Eric Costley	David Kidwell	Jeff Shenot
Patty Craig	Dennis Kirkwood	Dan Small
Jeffrey Culler	Elliot Kirschbaum	Jo Solem
Warren David Cummings	Jane Kostenko	Duvall Sollers
Karen Darcy	Ellen Lawler	Leslie Starr
Barbara Davis	Allen Lewis	Chuck Stirrat
Phil Davis	Mikey Lutmerding	Warren Strobel
Benjamin DeHaven	Gail Mackiernan	Deborah Terry
Sam Dyke	Nancy Magnusson	Mary Ann Todd
Joshua Emm	Andy Martin	Anna Urciola
Jane Fallon	Joel Martin	Mike Walsh
Fred Fallon	Sean McCandless	Dave Webb
Tom Feild	Carol McCollough	Leo Weigant
Harry Fink	Jim Nelson	Winger West
Jared Fisher	Lou Nielsen	

Comments on the Lists

The number (107) of birders participating was slightly down this year, but still a good turnout nevertheless. A few more birders joined the ranks of the month listers this year, but other than a Howard County team, nobody submitted any Big Days for 2013. Given the small amount of effort it takes to do a Big Day (relative to a Big Year, for example), it is surprising there is virtually no interest in this aspect of our wonderful birding hobby. It's such a blast! I'll continue to track and report Big Days in this report, but at some point it may become moot if there's no interest. We shall see! It would be nice to eventually have statewide, county, District, and region (Eastern/Western Shore) Big Days in every month of the year, but that's probably never going to happen if the current trend continues. Maybe three compilers from now will see that goal come to fruition?



*Black-crowned Night Heron - Frederick
Jon Corcoran*

The current maximum number of species reported for each locality is shown at the top of the respective life list tables. Joe Hanfman did a wonderful job of tracking and compiling the county lists over the last few years, and readers will note only a couple of changes in each locality this year thanks to his due diligence in getting accurate information the past few years. The report for the first time includes a table of all of the 23 county lists, updated through 2013, as compiled by Joe. That table also includes a list of species additions that were able to be verified for each county over the previous year.

All Life Lists that met or exceeded the given threshold are included; thresholds are typically set at 50% of the maximum number known for each location. Space dictated how many Year Lists appear in the tables.

Life Lists are indicated by the last year that they were updated. **Year Lists** are indicated by the year in which the total was achieved. For Year Lists, **red font** indicates that it is a 2013 submission. This helps the reader pick out 2013 totals apart from older lists.

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

A total of **354 species** were observed in Maryland in 2013, three species lower than observed in 2012 (last year's report only stated 356 species but one was accepted later – Jon Corcoran's Pacific Loon in Baltimore County). Two of the 354 species were not submitted to e-bird - **Anhinga** and **Yellow Rail**. Two additional species were submitted as provisional, but are pending acceptance by the MD/DC Records Committee - **Lazuli Bunting** and **Common Snipe**. Amazingly, both provisional records were found by Mikey Lutmerding, and the snipe may arguably be the best sighting in MD during 2013. A greater emphasis was placed on documenting distinct subspecies and forms of a number of species, particularly since many may eventually be elevated to full species status. Fourteen subspecies and forms were recorded, including two subspecies difficult to find in Maryland - **Prairie Short-billed Dowitcher** and **Scopoli's Shearwater**, a distinct subspecies

of Cory's Shearwater. Thanks to David Kidwell for his thorough tracking of the species that showed up in Maryland throughout the year!



*Snowy Owl – Hart Miller Island
Kye Jenkins*

Unlike 2012 when we had three new state records, there were no new state records produced in Maryland in 2013. As for exciting birds and/or trends, it is probably safe to say that **Snowy Owls** caused the biggest ruckus in Maryland among serious birders and casual birders alike – and even the general public – over the winter of 2013-2014 due to their sheer numbers, mystique, and sometimes in the manner and location in which they displayed themselves. The southward irruption caused by a banner reproductive year on their arctic breeding grounds pushed many Snowies into our state beginning in late fall. Earlier reports from our neighboring state to the north whetted our appetites with hope, and soon they were showing up in most of Maryland's counties. No doubt the local birders in the four counties in which Snowies were NOT FOUND this

winter - Allegany, Washington, Howard, Prince George's – were not quite as ecstatic as those from other counties.

The early part of 2013 produced some of the best birds of the year. We would be remiss to not mention the northern finch irruption that began in the fall of 2012 and lingered into early 2013. However, one of the best birds during that time was not a finch at all – it was a young male **Bullock's Oriole** at Dennis Kirkwood's home in Harford County in March. Dennis later discovered that this bird was actually present at a nearby feeder as early as January! Nevertheless, many birders got a chance to see this bird which stayed into April. On Jan. 9, a **Black-throated Gray Warbler** showed up in Claire Nemes' Silver Spring backyard, then quickly disappeared, only to return again on Jan. 22 through the 23rd. This was only Montgomery County's second record for this species. While conducting a routine Winter Bird Count in Carroll County on Jan. 19, Bob Ringler spotted what he figured was an overwintering Eastern Phoebe along a rural road near Detour. When he put the glass on it, however, he was rewarded with a very cooperative **Say's Phoebe**; this bird was observed by many for about ten days.



*Bullock's Oriole – Kirkwood Feeders
Dennis Kirkwood*

Also in early 2013, the northeastern part of the country was privileged with an unprecedented **Northern Lapwing** invasion, and Maryland joined the fun for the first time in almost a decade when Les Roslund found one in Talbot County in early February. This was the first one in the state since the Frederick County bird in 2005. The only downside was Les' bird only hung around a couple days.

2013 was the first year that **White-faced Ibis** was downgraded from a statewide review species to being only reviewable off the Coastal Plain. Coincidentally or not, there were more WFIB reports in Worcester and another in Somerset, plus two hybrids.

2013 was a good year for kites in the state. For example, on the wonderful Fort Smallwood hawk watch that is loyally conducted daily by Sue Ricciardi and others during migration, there were 16 **Mississippi Kites** observed in the spring of 2013 compared to only one bird in 2012. And who can forget the very cooperative **Swallow-tailed Kite** in Washington County during August?



Swallow-tailed Kite – Washington County
Bill Hubick

Whereas 2012 produced an amazing number of new early spring arrival records for multiple species in multiple counties, to many it seemed as if the spring migration of 2013 took forever to get started. Typically, the first week of May is the hottest week for warblers, but many birders were lamenting an almost complete lack of birds that week. Wonderful conditions for movement overnight on Friday May 10 and into the morning of Saturday May 11 seemed to dump the entire stock of birds out upon the state, at least in many locations – finally! Needless to say, there were precious few new arrival records set in 2013, but perhaps the most astounding early record was Jim Wilkinson's new state-early record of **Louisiana Waterthrush** at Howard County's Font Hill Wetland on Feb. 16; this bird beat the old record by 12 ridiculous days!

Spectacular results were obtained on Tom Johnson's pelagic surveys. Seabird surveys conducted aboard the N.O.A.A. ship Gordon Gunter produced some exceptional records in Maryland pelagic waters, Worcester, MD July 28-31, including an impressive 15 **Herald Petrels**, an extremely distant **Zino's/Fea's Petrel**, 28 **Black-capped Petrels**, 148 **Cory's Shearwaters**, seven **Great Shearwaters**, one **Manx Shearwater**, 166 **Audubon's Shearwaters**, ten **Wilson's Storm-Petrels**, a **White-faced Storm-Petrel**, six **Leach's Storm-Petrels**, and 46 **Band-rumped Storm Petrels**. Before this survey, Maryland had records for only one Herald Petrel and seven Black-capped Petrels; the Zino's/Fea's Petrel will be a state first, if accepted by the MD/DC Records Committee. There was also an immature **Pomarine Jaeger** on the trip.

The year closed out with a bang when, on Dec. 28, a **Western Tanager** was found at the Deer Run Golf Course on the Ocean City CBC by Jen and Bob Elmer. This was only Worcester's second county record, the prior being one banded at the old Ocean City banding station on Oct. 21, 1962. This bird got lots of action as it was the first twitch-able Western Tanager in Maryland since 2001 and was a state bird for scores of birders. The bird persisted into early 2013 at the same location.



Western Tanager – Deer Run Golf Course
Mark Hoffman



Black-headed Gull – Hunt Valley Towne Center
Russ Ruffing

The Hunt Valley **Black-headed Gull**, which had overwintered and persisted until late March of 2013, returned for its FOURTH known winter in the fall. This year it showed up a few days later than the previous year, and after about mid-December it became quite scarce. This trend continued into 2014 where the bird was seen very irregularly until the month of February, after which it seemed to return to a more normal routine.

Listing

2013 was quite a bit less productive overall than 2012, in which three birders exceeded the previous all-time high year total and in which 18 birders exceeded the 300 mark. This year, Joe Hanfman was tops with 320, followed by Mikey Lutmerding and Tim Carney at 316 and 314, respectively. Only ten birders were able to hit the 300 mark or better.

Mark Hoffman took over sole possession of first place in the State Life List category, adding Dennis Kirkwood's Bullock's Oriole to his list. Jim Stasz and Paul O'Brien are close behind and are the only other birders that are over 400 for the state.

One county, Harford, has a new leader in the Life List category, and that is Matt Hafner with 292 species. Matt added six species to his county list in 2013 to surpass the previous leader, Jim Stasz.

New high marks were set in six year listing categories: Tim Carney's 199-species in August blew away the previous high for that month by *15 birds!* Tim's Month Closeouts for the year also were tops all time, with 51 in 2013, two higher than the previous record. Joe Hanfman had an impressive 92 species or more in every county in 2013, upping the previous mark by four. In Caroline County, Dave Palmer topped the previous best year by one bird with 188 species. In Calvert County, Fred Fallon's 99-bird yard year list was three better than his previous record total. And in Howard County, Russ Ruffing bettered by six birds (143) the county yard year list record which he set in 2012.

Maryland 2013 Year Lists					
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
Joe Hanfman	320	Mary Ann Todd	273	Mike Walsh	231
Mikey Lutmerding	316	Fred Shaffer	273	Karen Caruso	227
Tim Carney	314	Jeff Shenot	271	Russ Ruffing	225
Marcia Balestri	307	Kurt Schwarz	271	Mark Schilling	224
Mike Burchett	306	Leo Weigant	270	Warren Strobel	221
Kathy Calvert	306	Joel Martin	270	J. Tyler Bell	217
Jeff Culler	305	Dave Palmer	270	Diane Ford	216
Elaine Hendricks	305	Howard Patterson	269	Benjamin DeHaven	212
Kye Jenkins	301	Ron Gutberlet	268	Mike Ostrowski	203
Betsy Bangert	300	Sean McCandless	265	Chuck Stirrat	201
Mark Hoffman	297	Jim Green	262	Dennis Kirkwood	200
John Hubbell	296	Matt Anthony	260	Carol McCollough	200
Kathy Fleming	294	Warren David Cummings	259	Wayne Baumgartner	198
Bill Hubick	292	Nancy Magnusson	257	Derek Hudgins	191
Leslie Starr	292	Rob Ostrowski	255	Evelyn Ralston	191
Matt Hafner	291	Les Roslund	255	Andy Martin	181
Jared Fisher	289	Allen Lewis	253	Lou Nielsen	176
Joshua Emm	280	Patty Craig	244	Ross Geredien	175
Jim Brighton	276	Michael Bowen	240	Rod Burley	171
Bob Ringler	276	David Kidwell	235	Ellen Lawler	167
Dan Haas	276	Keith Eric Costley	232	Jane Kostenko	166

Maryland Life Lists (447 max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Mark Hoffman	411	2013	Winger West	363	2013	Lou Nielsen	331	2013
Jim Stasz	410	2012	Jane Kostenko	362	2013	Robert Dixon	331	1993
Paul O'Brien	408	2013	Elaine Hendricks	360	2013	Wade Stephen	331	2004
Paul Pisano	399	2013	Kye Jenkins	360	2013	Anna Urciolo	330	2013
George Jett	398	2013	Rick Blom	360	1999	Gary Smyle	330	2004
Mary Ann Todd	393	2013	Rob Hilton	360	2013	Matt Grey	330	2008
Bill Hubick	389	2013	Rob Ostrowski	360	2013	Maren Gimpel	326	2012
Matt Hafner	389	2013	Helen Patton	359	2013	Ray Kiddy	326	2008
Joe Hanfman	388	2013	Mike Walsh	359	2013	Dotty Mumford	325	2006
John Hubbell	388	2013	Gwen Brewer	358	2013	Joy Bowen	325	2010
Kevin Graff	388	2012	Jared Fisher	357	2013	Tony White	325	1994
Jim Brighton	387	2013	Kathy Fleming	357	2013	Clifford Comeau	324	2011
Mike Burchett	387	2013	Kurt Schwarz	357	2013	Paul Nistico	322	2005
Edward Boyd	386	2012	Dan Small	356	2013	Peggy Bohanan	322	1991
Leo Weigant	386	2013	Kathy Klimkiewicz	356	2003	Tim Carney	322	2013
Bob Ringler	385	2013	Fred Fallon	355	2013	Elaine Arnold	321	2008
Phil Davis	385	2013	Henry Armistead	355	2013	Diane Ford	319	2013
Carol Broderick	384	2013	Jo Solem	355	2013	Frank Schaff	319	2006
Fred Shaffer	384	2013	Warren Strobel	355	2013	Keith Eric Costley	319	2013
Harvey Mudd	384	2011	Hal Wierenga	354	1992	Lola Oberman	319	1999
Mikey Lutmerding	384	2013	Patty Craig	353	2013	Shirley Geddes	319	2002
J.B. Churchill	383	2013	Jane Coskren	352	2008	Steve Collins	319	2013
Dave Powell	382	2013	Larry Bonham	352	1995	Bill Hill	318	2013
Samuel H. Dyke	380	2013	Lynn Davidson	352	1998	David Kidwell	317	2013
Joe Byrnes	379	2013	Sean McCandless	352	2013	James Wilkinson	317	1990
Stan Arnold	379	2011	Dave Harvey	351	2007	Wayne Bell	317	2010
Gail Mackiernan	376	2013	Peter Osenton	351	2013	Al Haury	316	2005
Hans Holbrook	375	2009	Michael Bowen	350	2013	Floyd Parks	316	2004
Marcia Balestri	375	2013	Dennis Kirkwood	349	2013	Charlie Vaughn	315	2000
Ron Gutberlet	374	2013	Emy Holdridge	349	2012	George Armistead	315	2003
Tom Feild	374	2013	Dave Perry	348	2013	Joy Wheeler	315	1995
Hank Kaestner	373	2012	John Dennehy	348	2012	Michael Welch	315	2004
Jeff Culler	373	2013	Eddie Slaughter	345	2000	Roger Eastman	315	1991
J. Tyler Bell	372	2013	Joe Turner	345	2011	Walter Ellison	315	2010
Marion Mudd	371	2011	Barbara Gearhart	344	2009	Arlene Ripley	314	2006
Michael O'Brien	371	1999	David Holmes	344	1994	Bonnie Ott	314	2011
Dan Haas	370	2013	Dick Kleen	344	1996	Mark Schilling	314	2013
Don Broderick	369	2003	Kyle Rambo	344	2008	Ross Geredien	314	2013
Norm Saunders	369	2011	Duvall Sollers	343	2013	Hugh Mahanes	313	2003
Jeff Shenot	368	2013	Jane Fallon	342	2013	Carol McCollough	312	2013
Nancy Magnusson	368	2013	Ottavio Janni	342	2001	Amy Hoffman	311	2005
Fran Saunders	367	2011	Les Roslund	338	2013	Don Simonson	311	2012
Jim Green	367	2013	Mike Ostrowski	338	2013	Stephen Simon	311	1992
Joel Martin	367	2013	Chuck Stirrat	337	2013	Sue Hamilton	311	2003
Betsy Bangert	366	2013	Elliot Kirschbaum	337	2013	Danny Poet	310	2011
John Gregoire	366	2005	Rod Burley	336	2013	Gail Vaughn	310	2000
Marshall Iliff	366	2013	Steve Sanford	336	2007	Parke John	310	2008
Kathy Calvert	365	2013	Dennis Coskren	335	2008	John Wortman	308	1997
Barry Cooper	363	2011	Zach Baer	335	2004	Marcia Watson	308	2006
Leslie Starr	363	2013	Dave Palmer	333	2013	Stephen Ford	308	2012

Maryland Life Lists (page 2)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
David Walbeck	305	2002	Marvin Hewitt	286	1996	Leslie Fisher	267	2000
Don Meritt	305	1996	Ethel Engle	285	2002	Gary Nelson	266	1993
Nico Sarbanes	304	2009	John Collins	284	1996	David Wallace	263	2001
Andy Martin	303	2013	Jared Satchell	283	2011	Saundra Byrd	259	2013
John Cupp Sr.	303	1995	Warren David Cummings	283	2013	Ellen Lawler	258	2013
Byron Swift	302	2010	Howard Patterson	282	2013	Greg Butcher	258	2012
Russ Ruffing	302	2013	Jon Corcoran	282	2013	Andy Wilson	257	2012
Taylor McLean	302	2007	Matt Anthony	282	2013	Evelyn Ralston	257	2013
Dave Webb	301	2010	Matt Tillett	282	2010	Gail Martin	257	1997
Dave Weesner	301	2006	Erika Wilson	281	1991	Rick Sussman	254	2007
David Yeany	301	2009	Wain Barnes	281	2003	Harry Fink	252	2013
Greg Miller	296	2000	Connie Bockstie	280	1994	Bill Ellis	251	2004
Lisa Shannon	296	2013	Glenn Therres	280	1996	Charles Finley	250	2000
Barbara Davis	295	2013	Michael Donovan	280	1995	Clifton Barry	249	1990
Ron Kagarise	295	1997	Allen Lewis	279	2013	Greg Kearns	249	1990
John Maloney	293	2001	Bill Pfungsten	279	1996	Jim Nelson	249	2013
Dick Homan	291	2004	Edward DeMoll	279	1995	Robert Wood	248	1996
Pat Nistico	291	2004	Leanne Pemburn	279	1995	Paul Zucker	246	1993
Tomas Dahlen	290	2012	Mark Pemburn	279	1995	Bill & Deb Bowser	244	1996
Helen Zeichner	289	2000	Michele Morris	279	1992	Tom Marko	243	2007
Michael O'Sullivan	289	2012	Darius Ecker	277	1998	Wayne Baumgartner	242	2013
Howard Youth	288	1998	Thomas Valega	277	1993	Derek Richardson	241	2013
Burton Alexander	286	2000	Victoria Fisher	273	2013	David Farner	239	2001
David Gersten	286	2008	Mary-Jo Betts	272	2001	Kenneth Drier	235	2001
Emily Joyce	286	1995	Bob Solem	270	2008	Polly Batchelder	235	1990
Joshua Emm	286	2013	Derek Hudgins	269	2013	Karen Caruso	232	2013
Joy Peters	286	2009	Jeanne Woods	267	1992	Benjamin DeHaven	231	2013

Maryland All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	345	2012	Rob Ostrowski	315	2011	Jim Stasz	302	1998
Mike Burchett	342	2012	Dan Haas	315	2010	Mary Ann Todd	302	1995
Betsy Bangert	341	2012	Jim Brighton	315	2010	Kye Jenkins	301	2013
Jim Stasz	338	2009	Zach Baer	315	2003	Dan Small	301	2010
Stan Arnold	338	2009	Tim Carney	314	2013	Bill Hubick	301	2008
Jim Brighton	337	2009	Jim Stasz	314	2002	Jim Brighton	301	2008
Edward Boyd	335	2012	Jeff Culler	312	2012	Matt Hafner	301	2006
Joe Hanfman	335	2012	John Hubbell	312	2009	Kevin Graff	301	2005
Nancy Magnusson	334	2012	Hans Holbrook	312	2005	Matt Hafner	301	2005
Jim Stasz	333	2011	Jim Stasz	312	1994	Betsy Bangert	300	2013
Kevin Graff	331	2009	Ron Gutberlet	311	2012	Kathy Calvert	300	2012
Jim Stasz	330	2008	Jeff Culler	311	2011	Leslie Starr	300	2010
Jim Stasz	330	2000	Jeff Shenot	311	2011	Ron Gutberlet	300	2010
Mike Burchett	329	2004	Dan Haas	311	2008	Stan Arnold	300	2005
Mark Hoffman	329	1994	George Jett	311	1994	Matt Hafner	300	2000
Mikey Lutmerding	328	2012	Bill Hubick	310	2010	Paul O'Brien	300	1991
Ron Gutberlet	328	2009	Jim Stasz	310	2005	Jeff Shenot	299	2012
Joe Hanfman	327	2011	Mark Hoffman	310	1992	Jim Green	299	2011
Hans Holbrook	327	2004	Elaine Hendricks	308	2011	John Hubbell	298	2011
Dan Haas	326	2011	Jim Brighton	308	2011	Marcia Balestri	298	2011
Mike Burchett	326	2011	Rob Ostrowski	308	2010	Mark Hoffman	297	2013
Mikey Lutmerding	326	2008	Jim Stasz	308	2006	Barbara Gearhart	297	2009
Betsy Bangert	324	2011	Marcia Balestri	307	2013	John Hubbell	296	2013
Mikey Lutmerding	323	2011	John Hubbell	307	2012	Dan Small	296	2011
Jim Stasz	322	2007	Bill Hubick	307	2005	Leslie Starr	296	2009
Jim Stasz	322	1999	Jim Brighton	307	2005	Jim Brighton	296	2007
Jared Fisher	321	2012	Mike Burchett	306	2013	Jim Stasz	296	1997
Bill Hubick	321	2009	Kathy Calvert	306	2013	Michael O'Brien	296	1990
J.B. Churchill	321	2008	John Hubbell	306	2010	Jared Fisher	295	2011
Joe Hanfman	320	2013	Kevin Graff	306	2008	John Hubbell	295	2008
Kevin Graff	320	2012	Mary Ann Todd	306	1994	Matt Hafner	295	2002
Kevin Graff	320	2011	John Gregoire	306	1985	Matt Hafner	295	2001
Leslie Starr	320	2011	Jeff Culler	305	2013	Kathy Fleming	294	2013
Ron Gutberlet	320	2011	Elaine Hendricks	305	2013	Hans Holbrook	294	2003
Joe Hanfman	320	2010	Bill Hubick	305	2012	Mark Hoffman	294	1995
Jim Stasz	320	2004	Joe Turner	305	2011	Marcia Balestri	293	2012
Matt Hafner	320	2004	Kevin Graff	305	2007	Jim Green	293	2010
Marshall Iliff	320	2000	Jim Stasz	305	2003	Mike Ostrowski	293	2010
Michael O'Brien	320	1991	Jim Stasz	305	1992	J.B. Churchill	293	2000
Bill Hubick	319	2011	Mike Ostrowski	304	2011	Bill Hubick	292	2013
Joe Hanfman	319	2009	Jane Coskren	304	1994	Leslie Starr	292	2013
Dave Powell	319	2004	Mark Hoffman	304	1976	Jim Green	292	2012
Matt Hafner	318	2003	Kevin Graff	303	2010	Rob Ostrowski	292	2012
Dave Czaplak	318	1994	Dan Haas	303	2009	Dave Powell	292	2007
Michael O'Brien	317	1994	Mikey Lutmerding	303	2007	Kevin Graff	292	2006
Mikey Lutmerding	316	2013	Zach Baer	303	2004	Matt Hafner	291	2013
Warren Strobel	316	2012	Stan Arnold	303	2001	Mike Burchett	291	2005
George Jett	316	2008	George Jett	303	1992	Dave Perry	291	1999
Elaine Hendricks	315	2012	Edward Boyd	302	2011	Paul O'Brien	291	1988
Leslie Starr	315	2012	Matt Hafner	302	2011	Bob Ringler	290	2012
Matt Hafner	315	2012	Marshall Iliff	302	1999	Bill Hubick	290	2007

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Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Bill Hubick	290	2006	Joel Martin	279	2012	Barbara Gearhart	270	2005
Jared Fisher	289	2013	Joe Hanfman	279	2008	Leo Weigant	270	2004
Dan Haas	289	2012	Dave Powell	279	2006	Dave Powell	270	2000
Jeff Shenot	289	2010	Bob Ringler	279	2004	George Armistead	270	2000
Marshall Iliff	289	2001	Fred Shaffer	279	2004	Howard Patterson	269	2013
Lynn Davidson	289	1986	Gary Smyle	279	2002	Nancy Magnusson	269	2010
John Dennehy	288	2011	Matt Hafner	279	1999	Sean McCandless	269	2007
Jim Green	288	2008	Tim Carney	278	2012	Rod Burley	269	2006
Parke John	288	2003	Jeff Culler	278	2009	Ron Gutberlet	268	2013
Jim Stasz	288	2001	George Jett	278	2005	Mike Ostrowski	268	2012
Michael O'Brien	288	1984	Lynn Davidson	278	1991	Bob Ringler	268	2011
Joe Turner	287	2010	Lynn Davidson	278	1988	Elaine Hendricks	268	2009
Barbara Gearhart	287	2004	Bob Ringler	278	1986	Mike Ostrowski	268	2009
Ottavio Janni	287	1992	Hans Holbrook	277	2007	Bob Ringler	268	2007
Paul O'Brien	287	1986	Leo Weigant	277	2000	Barbara Gearhart	268	2006
Paul O'Brien	287	1984	Michael O'Brien	277	1987	John Hubbell	268	2006
Dave Palmer	286	2011	John Gregoire	277	1983	J.B. Churchill	268	2003
Fred Shaffer	286	2009	Jim Brighton	276	2013	Dave Powell	267	2012
George Jett	286	1999	Bob Ringler	276	2013	Elaine Hendricks	267	2010
John Gregoire	286	1984	Dan Haas	276	2013	Paul O'Brien	267	1992
Warren Strobel	285	2011	Jeff Shenot	276	2009	Mike Walsh	266	2012
John Dennehy	285	2010	Nancy Magnusson	275	2011	Dave Powell	266	2005
Marcia Balestri	285	2010	J.B. Churchill	275	2009	J.B. Churchill	266	1999
Nico Sarbanes	285	2009	Barbara Gearhart	275	2007	George Jett	266	1998
Dave Powell	285	2008	John Hubbell	275	2005	Larry Bonham	266	1992
Stan Arnold	285	2008	John Hubbell	275	2004	Sean McCandless	265	2013
John Hubbell	285	2007	Paul O'Brien	275	1994	Stan Arnold	265	2011
Stan Arnold	285	2004	Larry Bonham	275	1980	Mary Ann Todd	265	2011
John Maloney	285	2001	Mike Walsh	274	2010	Ross Geredien	265	2010
Stan Arnold	285	2000	Leo Weigant	274	2009	Bob Ringler	265	2009
Michael O'Brien	285	1988	Leo Weigant	274	2007	Dave Powell	265	2001
Bob Ringler	285	1976	Mary Ann Todd	274	2001	Leo Weigant	265	1992
Mary Ann Todd	284	2012	Mary Ann Todd	273	2013	Marcia Balestri	264	2008
Jeff Culler	284	2010	Fred Shaffer	273	2013	Norm Saunders	264	2004
Kevin Graff	284	2004	Leo Weigant	273	2011	Jeff Culler	263	2008
Larry Bonham	284	1991	Joe Turner	273	2009	Bob Ringler	263	2006
Paul O'Brien	284	1989	Mike Walsh	273	2009	Carol Broderick	263	2004
Jared Satchell	283	2011	Jeff Shenot	271	2013	Jim Green	262	2013
Jim Green	283	2009	Kurt Schwarz	271	2013	Fred Shaffer	262	2010
Marcia Balestri	283	2009	Fred Shaffer	271	2012	John Dennehy	262	2009
Ron Gutberlet	283	2008	Leo Weigant	271	2012	Nancy Magnusson	262	2009
J.B. Churchill	283	2007	Bob Ringler	271	2010	Carol Broderick	262	2005
Rob Ostrowski	282	2009	David Yeany	271	2009	Don Broderick	262	2005
Marshall Iliff	282	1997	Jim Green	271	2007	J.B. Churchill	262	2005
Paul O'Brien	282	1987	Jim Stasz	271	1991	Don Broderick	262	2004
J.B. Churchill	281	2004	Leo Weigant	270	2013	Mary Ann Todd	262	2000
Marshall Iliff	281	1992	Joel Martin	270	2013	Paul O'Brien	262	1995
Michael O'Brien	281	1989	Dave Palmer	270	2013	Russ Ruffing	261	2011
Joshua Emm	280	2013	Dave Palmer	270	2012	Rod Burley	261	2005
Dan Small	280	2012	Fred Shaffer	270	2011	Marcia Balestri	261	2002
John Dennehy	279	2012	Barbara Gearhart	270	2008	Matt Anthony	260	2013

Bird of the Year

65 birders participated in the 2013 Bird of the Year vote, down from the 74 that participated in 2012. With no new state birds in 2013, the votes were spread between a number of very good rarities that showed up in 2013. A total of 32 species received votes.

The 2013 Bird of the Year winner is, of course, **Snowy Owl**. Though Dennis Kirkwood's Bullock's Oriole, which returned for its second consecutive winter in late 2013, gave the Snowy a run for its money, was there ever any doubt which species would win? With Snowies showing up all over the state and sometimes in very visible fashion, most birders and many curious onlookers got to see this spectacular visitor from the arctic. Western Tanager, Northern Lapwing, and Black-throated Gray Warbler all received a smattering of 1st, 2nd and 3rd place votes to place them in the top five. In most years, a Common Snipe might take top honors but perhaps with this record still under review, people chose to cast their votes elsewhere. All species receiving votes are shown in the table, below, along with their respective number of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place votes. Each 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place vote was assigned 3 points, 2 points, and 1 point respectively.

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>1st-Place</u>	<u>2nd-Place</u>	<u>3rd-Place</u>	<u>Total Points</u>
1	Snowy Owl	24	9	7	97
2	Bullock's Oriole	18	8	13	83
3	Western Tanager	4	11	10	44
4	Northern Lapwing	5	2	2	21
5	Black-throated Gray Warbler	3	2	4	17
6	Painted Bunting		8		16
7	Common Snipe	3	2	1	14
7	Swallow-tailed Kite		5	4	14
9	Say's Phoebe	1	3	4	13
10	Barnacle Goose	1	3	3	12
11	Herald Petrel	1	2		7
12	Black Rail	2			6
13	Wilson's Phalarope	1	1		5
13	Pacific Loon	1		2	5
15	Black-capped Petrel		1	2	4
15	Long-eared Owl		2		4
17	Cave Swallow	1			3
17	Henslow's Sparrow		1	1	3
17	Red-necked Phalarope	1			3
17	Red Crossbill			3	3
21	Northern Shrike		1		2
21	White-winged Crossbill			2	2
21	Franklin's Gull		1		2
21	Parasitic Jaeger		1		2
21	Fea's/Zino's Petrel		1		2
26	Virginia Rail			1	1
26	Mourning Warbler			1	1
26	Sandhill Crane			1	1
26	Rough-legged Hawk			1	1
26	Northern Fulmar			1	1
26	Little Gull			1	1
26	Common Redpoll			1	1

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January		February		March		April	
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
Jim Stasz	237	Jim Stasz	224	Jim Stasz	215	Jim Stasz	264
Matt Hafner	216	Jim Brighton	204	Matt Hafner	204	Matt Hafner	256
Jim Brighton	208	Matt Hafner	199	Jim Brighton	202	Mark Hoffman	248
Ron Gutberlet	206	Joe Hanfman	195	Ron Gutberlet	198	Bill Hubick	247
Marshall Iliff	206	Bill Hubick	193	Mark Hoffman	198	John Hubbell	244
Dave Powell	205	John Hubbell	189	Joe Hanfman	193	Joe Hanfman	242
Bill Hubick	201	Ron Gutberlet	183	Marshall Iliff	193	Jim Brighton	240
Joe Hanfman	200	Mike Burchett	181	Bill Hubick	190	Norm Saunders	237
Mike Burchett	191	Mark Hoffman	178	Dan Haas	188	Dan Haas	232
Edward Boyd	190	Norm Saunders	176	John Hubbell	181	Mike Burchett	226
John Hubbell	186	Rob Ostrowski	171	Mike Burchett	179	Fred Fallon	225
Dan Haas	179	Fran Saunders	169	Norm Saunders	177	Ron Gutberlet	224
Michael Bowen	177	Chuck Stirrat	168	Rob Ostrowski	171	Fran Saunders	222
Norm Saunders	177	Fred Fallon	167	Fran Saunders	171	Marshall Iliff	221
Fred Fallon	176	Dan Haas	166	Jared Fisher	169	Dave Powell	216
Fran Saunders	174	Mike Ostrowski	159	Mike Ostrowski	168	Rob Ostrowski	215
Mark Hoffman	173	Marshall Iliff	158	Dan Small	166	Dan Small	213
Rob Ostrowski	171	Betsy Bangert	157	Michael Bowen	165	Edward Boyd	213
Dan Small	169	Dan Small	154	Fred Fallon	162	Chuck Stirrat	208
Betsy Bangert	160	Dave Powell	153	Edward Boyd	162	Elliot Kirschbaum	207
Jared Fisher	155	Jared Fisher	151	Betsy Bangert	161	Mike Ostrowski	206
Dave Palmer	151	Keith Eric Costley	151	Keith Eric Costley	161	Jared Fisher	205
Keith Eric Costley	148	Elliot Kirschbaum	151	Elliot Kirschbaum	151	Keith Eric Costley	201
Mike Ostrowski	144	Michael Bowen	150	Dave Powell	147	Michael Bowen	193
Elliot Kirschbaum	144	Edward Boyd	143	Chuck Stirrat	145	Mark Schilling	188
Sean McCandless	141	Dave Palmer	138	Mark Schilling	142	Dave Palmer	186
Mark Schilling	139	Sean McCandless	134	David Kidwell	139	Betsy Bangert	183
Tim Carney	134	David Kidwell	132	Dave Palmer	133	Tim Carney	182
Chuck Stirrat	133	Steve Collins	128	Sean McCandless	133	Russ Ruffing	182
Matt Anthony	132	Mark Schilling	119	Tim Carney	128	Howard Patterson	175
David Kidwell	131	Tim Carney	117	Matt Anthony	118	Sean McCandless	173
Steve Collins	123	Russ Ruffing	107	Russ Ruffing	116	David Kidwell	171
Russ Ruffing	117	Matt Anthony	106	Derek Richardson	112	Steve Collins	165
Wayne Baumgartner	105	Rob Hilton	94	Howard Patterson	109	Matt Anthony	156
Howard Patterson	104	Derek Richardson	91	Steve Collins	101	Derek Richardson	135
Jim Nelson	104	Wayne Baumgartner	86	Derek Hudgins	99	Rob Hilton	133
Derek Richardson	103	Howard Patterson	85	Wayne Baumgartner	98	Derek Hudgins	132
Derek Hudgins	90	Derek Hudgins	83	Jim Nelson	93	Jim Nelson	130
Benjamin DeHaven	85			Benjamin DeHaven	83		

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May		June		July		August	
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
Jim Stasz	296	Jim Stasz	248	Jim Stasz	253	Jim Stasz	268
Matt Hafner	290	Matt Hafner	246	Matt Hafner	241	Matt Hafner	258
Bill Hubick	277	Marshall Iliff	231	Marshall Iliff	230	Joe Hanfman	251
Jim Brighton	271	John Hubbell	228	Bill Hubick	219	John Hubbell	241
Marshall Iliff	268	Joe Hanfman	227	Joe Hanfman	215	Bill Hubick	236
John Hubbell	265	Bill Hubick	225	John Hubbell	214	Jim Brighton	232
Joe Hanfman	261	Mike Burchett	217	Ron Gutberlet	208	Ron Gutberlet	227
Mark Hoffman	260	Jim Brighton	216	Rob Ostrowski	189	Marshall Iliff	226
Mike Burchett	260	Norm Saunders	211	Mark Hoffman	186	Mark Hoffman	223
Dan Haas	255	Fred Fallon	208	Fred Fallon	185	Tim Carney	215
Ron Gutberlet	251	Ron Gutberlet	206	Jim Brighton	184	Dave Powell	209
Norm Saunders	250	Fran Saunders	199	Mike Burchett	181	Mike Burchett	207
Dave Powell	247	Mark Hoffman	198	Jared Fisher	177	Dan Haas	207
Rob Ostrowski	244	Rob Ostrowski	194	Tim Carney	176	Edward Boyd	204
Mike Ostrowski	241	Michael Bowen	194	Mike Ostrowski	175	Rob Ostrowski	199
Fran Saunders	237	Dave Powell	193	Norm Saunders	174	Mike Ostrowski	198
Edward Boyd	234	Tim Carney	190	Fran Saunders	170	Jared Fisher	193
Elliot Kirschbaum	233	Chuck Stirrat	185	Dan Haas	169	Dan Small	192
Fred Fallon	231	Betsy Bangert	180	Michael Bowen	168	Norm Saunders	190
Chuck Stirrat	231	Dan Haas	174	Dave Powell	167	Michael Bowen	189
Michael Bowen	231	Jared Fisher	173	Keith Eric Costley	160	Fred Fallon	188
Dan Small	227	Elliot Kirschbaum	168	Dan Small	150	Fran Saunders	182
Keith Eric Costley	226	Mike Ostrowski	165	Chuck Stirrat	148	Keith Eric Costley	175
Jared Fisher	223	Sean McCandless	165	Edward Boyd	147	Betsy Bangert	172
Betsy Bangert	217	Dan Small	160	Dave Palmer	139	Sean McCandless	167
David Kidwell	208	Edward Boyd	155	Russ Ruffing	138	Dave Palmer	163
Sean McCandless	202	Keith Eric Costley	150	Elliot Kirschbaum	137	Mark Schilling	163
Rob Hilton	199	Mark Schilling	140	Betsy Bangert	134	Russ Ruffing	161
Tim Carney	197	Steve Collins	138	Sean McCandless	132	Howard Patterson	158
Mark Schilling	173	Dave Palmer	135	Mark Schilling	116	Chuck Stirrat	153
Dave Palmer	173	Russ Ruffing	134	David Kidwell	113	Steve Collins	136
Russ Ruffing	170	Howard Patterson	102	Matt Anthony	107	David Kidwell	129
Steve Collins	167	Rob Hilton	100	Howard Patterson	107	Elliot Kirschbaum	128
Howard Patterson	161	David Kidwell	96	Derek Richardson	102	Matt Anthony	125
Derek Richardson	159	Derek Richardson	96	Steve Collins	97	Wayne Baumgartner	111
Jim Nelson	150	Derek Hudgins	68	Derek Hudgins	85	Derek Richardson	91
Matt Anthony	141					Derek Hudgins	66
Derek Hudgins	135						

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September		October		November		December	
Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total	Name	Total
Jim Stasz	285	Jim Stasz	271	Matt Hafner	238	Matt Hafner	227
Matt Hafner	263	Matt Hafner	263	Bill Hubick	233	Jim Stasz	215
John Hubbell	255	Mark Hoffman	245	Jim Stasz	229	Bill Hubick	211
Mark Hoffman	243	Bill Hubick	244	Jim Brighton	219	Jim Brighton	211
Joe Hanfman	239	Rob Ostrowski	240	Mark Hoffman	218	John Hubbell	205
Bill Hubick	239	John Hubbell	239	Ron Gutberlet	217	Marshall Iliff	204
Marshall Iliff	234	Joe Hanfman	237	Joe Hanfman	216	Mark Hoffman	196
Dan Haas	233	Jim Brighton	237	John Hubbell	208	Dave Powell	194
Ron Gutberlet	231	Dan Haas	229	Dave Powell	207	Ron Gutberlet	193
Jim Brighton	226	Mike Burchett	228	Rob Ostrowski	198	Joe Hanfman	190
Mike Burchett	215	Dan Small	228	Norm Saunders	197	Norm Saunders	182
Dave Powell	214	Marshall Iliff	220	Mike Burchett	195	Dan Haas	179
Mike Ostrowski	214	Norm Saunders	217	Fran Saunders	194	Fran Saunders	178
Fred Fallon	214	Ron Gutberlet	216	Marshall Iliff	193	Michael Bowen	174
Elliot Kirschbaum	211	Mike Ostrowski	212	Mike Ostrowski	192	Rob Ostrowski	172
Michael Bowen	205	Dave Powell	208	Dan Small	187	Mike Burchett	171
Jared Fisher	203	Edward Boyd	193	Dan Haas	183	Fred Fallon	167
Edward Boyd	202	Tim Carney	192	Jared Fisher	180	Dan Small	165
Dan Small	200	Elliot Kirschbaum	191	Tim Carney	172	Edward Boyd	161
Rob Ostrowski	199	Fran Saunders	190	Betsy Bangert	172	Mike Ostrowski	156
Norm Saunders	198	Fred Fallon	189	Fred Fallon	166	Jared Fisher	150
Tim Carney	194	Betsy Bangert	186	Michael Bowen	164	Dave Palmer	149
Fran Saunders	190	Michael Bowen	178	Edward Boyd	159	Steve Collins	147
Chuck Stirrat	190	Jared Fisher	177	Sean McCandless	159	Tim Carney	143
Betsy Bangert	188	Chuck Stirrat	172	Keith Eric Costley	152	Elliot Kirschbaum	143
Keith Eric Costley	175	Sean McCandless	168	Elliot Kirschbaum	147	Chuck Stirrat	143
Sean McCandless	172	Keith Eric Costley	160	Chuck Stirrat	143	Keith Eric Costley	141
Dave Palmer	163	David Kidwell	146	David Kidwell	136	Sean McCandless	139
Howard Patterson	162	Mark Schilling	140	Dave Palmer	135	Russ Ruffing	138
David Kidwell	159	Howard Patterson	137	Mark Schilling	132	Betsy Bangert	137
Mark Schilling	158	Russ Ruffing	135	Matt Anthony	128	Mark Schilling	135
Russ Ruffing	158	Dave Palmer	134	Howard Patterson	127	Matt Anthony	128
Steve Collins	150	Steve Collins	132	Steve Collins	124	Matt Anthony	128
Jim Nelson	146	Benjamin DeHaven	123	Russ Ruffing	98	David Kidwell	123
Rob Hilton	146	Derek Richardson	112	Derek Hudgins	93	Howard Patterson	117
Derek Hudgins	132	Jim Nelson	110	Derek Richardson	82	Derek Hudgins	114
Matt Anthony	129	Derek Hudgins	109			Derek Richardson	113
Derek Richardson	129					Jim Nelson	88
Benjamin DeHaven	107						

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January			February			March		
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	189	2009	Jim Stasz	185	2012	Jim Stasz	174	2012
Jim Brighton	188	2009	Joe Hanfman	152	2012	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
Joe Hanfman	156	2013	Ron Gutberlet	138	2011	Joe Hanfman	145	2012
Joe Hanfman	142	2012	Joe Hanfman	135	2011	Mike Ostrowski	145	2011
Ron Gutberlet	140	2013	Joe Hanfman	134	2013	Mike Burchett	145	2012
Ron Gutberlet	139	2012	Dave Palmer	130	2012	Betsy Bangert	145	2012
Rob Ostrowski	138	2011	John Hubbell	126	2007	Ron Gutberlet	141	2012
Joe Hanfman	138	2011	Dan Haas	120	2012	Dan Haas	141	2011
Rob Ostrowski	138	2012	John Hubbell	120	2011	Edward Boyd	138	2012
Dave Palmer	135	2013	Dan Haas	119	2009	Dan Haas	136	2012
Dan Haas	134	2011	Rob Ostrowski	118	2012	John Hubbell	131	2012
Bill Hubick	132	2011	Edward Boyd	114	2012	John Hubbell	130	2011
Tim Carney	132	2013	Tim Carney	114	2013	Dan Haas	127	2008
John Hubbell	132	2009	Jared Fisher	113	2011	Edward Boyd	127	2011
Dave Palmer	131	2012	Ron Gutberlet	112	2012	Dan Haas	125	2010
Mike Ostrowski	126	2011	John Hubbell	112	2012	Joe Hanfman	124	2013
Edward Boyd	121	2011	Keith Eric Costley	106	2012	Mark Schilling	122	2012
Michael Bowen	121	2011	Dan Haas	106	2008	Dave Palmer	121	2012
Dave Palmer	119	2011	Edward Boyd	105	2010	Tim Carney	120	2013
Mike Burchett	118	2012	Ron Gutberlet	104	2013	Dave Palmer	117	2013
Betsy Bangert	117	2012	Dave Palmer	103	2013	Keith Eric Costley	114	2012
Dan Haas	116	2012	Mark Schilling	102	2012	Jared Fisher	113	2012
Keith Eric Costley	116	2013	Dan Haas	102	2010	Jared Fisher	112	2011
Jared Fisher	115	2012	Dan Haas	101	2011	Sean McCandless	112	2013
Dan Haas	115	2009	Sean McCandless	99	2013	Rob Ostrowski	109	2012
Matt Anthony	113	2013	Jared Fisher	98	2012	Dan Haas	107	2009
Sean McCandless	112	2013	Keith Eric Costley	96	2013	Dave Palmer	107	2011
Sean McCandless	111	2010	David Kidwell	95	2011	David Kidwell	104	2012
John Hubbell	109	2011	Matt Anthony	93	2013	Michael Bowen	100	2011
Keith Eric Costley	108	2012	Sean McCandless	93	2012	Matt Anthony	99	2012
John Hubbell	108	2013	John Hubbell	91	2013	Howard Patterson	97	2013
Russ Ruffing	103	2013	Rob Ostrowski	90	2013	John Hubbell	96	2013
Mark Schilling	101	2012	Russ Ruffing	87	2013	David Kidwell	96	2013
Matt Anthony	100	2012	Sean McCandless	87	2009	Russ Ruffing	95	2012
John Hubbell	99	2012	Dave Palmer	86	2011	Tim Carney	92	2012
Sean McCandless	95	2012	Howard Patterson	83	2013	Sean McCandless	91	2012
Howard Patterson	94	2013	Russ Ruffing	83	2012	Sean McCandless	91	2009
Jim Nelson	89	2009	Edward Boyd	79	2011	Derek Hudgins	90	2013
Jared Fisher	88	2011	Mark Schilling	79	2013	Sean McCandless	89	2010
Russ Ruffing	88	2012	Russ Ruffing	77	2011	Russ Ruffing	87	2013
Mark Schilling	87	2013	Benjamin DeHaven	74	2013	Russ Ruffing	86	2011
David Kidwell	87	2011	Michael Bowen	73	2011	Mark Schilling	85	2013
Wayne Baumgartner	86	2013	Derek Hudgins	71	2013	Keith Eric Costley	84	2013
Benjamin DeHaven	85	2013	Tim Carney	58	2012	Benjamin DeHaven	81	2013
David Kidwell	81	2012	David Kidwell	57	2012	Rob Ostrowski	80	2013

Maryland Months - All-time High Months

April			May			June		
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Bill Hubick	199	2011	Ron Gutberlet	229	2009	Ron Gutberlet	183	2009
Joe Hanfman	196	2012	Bill Hubick	215	2011	Bill Hubick	179	2011
Rob Ostrowski	188	2011	Joe Hanfman	215	2012	Joe Hanfman	177	2012
Dan Haas	185	2011	Rob Ostrowski	212	2011	Tim Carney	175	2013
Ron Gutberlet	182	2011	Mike Ostrowski	207	2011	Mike Burchett	172	2012
Jared Fisher	180	2011	Dan Haas	205	2009	Joe Hanfman	168	2011
Joe Hanfman	179	2011	John Hubbell	205	2010	Joe Hanfman	167	2013
Tim Carney	173	2013	Dan Haas	203	2008	Betsy Bangert	162	2012
Mike Ostrowski	172	2011	Rob Ostrowski	200	2012	Tim Carney	160	2012
John Hubbell	172	2009	Ron Gutberlet	193	2011	Rob Ostrowski	145	2011
Dan Haas	170	2010	Joe Hanfman	190	2009	Dan Haas	145	2011
Edward Boyd	169	2012	Jared Fisher	189	2012	Ron Gutberlet	144	2011
Dave Palmer	169	2012	Dan Haas	186	2010	John Hubbell	142	2009
Ron Gutberlet	168	2012	Tim Carney	185	2013	Mike Ostrowski	134	2011
Joe Hanfman	168	2013	Mike Burchett	184	2012	Rob Ostrowski	131	2013
John Hubbell	167	2011	Edward Boyd	183	2012	Ron Gutberlet	128	2013
Dan Haas	167	2008	Dan Haas	182	2011	John Hubbell	124	2011
Edward Boyd	167	2011	John Hubbell	182	2013	Jared Fisher	120	2012
Howard Patterson	167	2013	Dan Haas	179	2012	Russ Ruffing	118	2012
John Hubbell	164	2012	Ron Gutberlet	177	2012	John Hubbell	117	2013
Dan Haas	162	2012	Betsy Bangert	175	2012	Edward Boyd	116	2011
Jared Fisher	162	2012	John Hubbell	174	2012	Dan Haas	112	2008
Dan Haas	161	2009	Joe Hanfman	171	2011	Jared Fisher	112	2011
Mike Burchett	160	2012	Edward Boyd	166	1991	Keith Eric Costley	111	2013
Russ Ruffing	160	2012	Joe Hanfman	165	2013	Sean McCandless	109	2010
Dave Palmer	155	2011	Keith Eric Costley	164	2012	Rob Ostrowski	107	2012
Betsy Bangert	153	2012	Dave Palmer	160	2012	Dave Palmer	104	2013
Dave Palmer	152	2013	Tim Carney	159	2012	Dave Palmer	103	2010
Mark Schilling	150	2012	David Kidwell	157	2012	Dave Palmer	102	2011
Matt Anthony	144	2013	Dave Palmer	153	2011	Russ Ruffing	99	2011
Keith Eric Costley	143	2012	Sean McCandless	149	2012	Keith Eric Costley	97	2012
John Hubbell	143	2013	Russ Ruffing	148	2013	Ron Gutberlet	96	2012
Rob Ostrowski	142	2012	John Hubbell	147	2011	Dan Haas	95	2009
Mark Schilling	141	2013	Ron Gutberlet	147	2013	Dan Haas	95	2010
Ron Gutberlet	138	2013	Rob Ostrowski	147	2013	Howard Patterson	94	2013
Sean McCandless	136	2009	Dave Palmer	146	2013	Dave Palmer	90	2012
Sean McCandless	129	2013	Sean McCandless	144	2010	Dan Haas	86	2012
Russ Ruffing	129	2011	Michael Bowen	143	2011	Michael Bowen	85	2011
Russ Ruffing	124	2013	Edward Boyd	142	2011	Jim Nelson	84	2008
David Kidwell	121	2012	Howard Patterson	142	2013	Matt Anthony	79	2013
Tim Carney	121	2012	Mark Schilling	142	2012	Benjamin DeHaven	77	2013
Michael Bowen	116	2011	Sean McCandless	135	2013	Edward Boyd	76	2012
Sean McCandless	115	2012	Russ Ruffing	134	2012	Sean McCandless	74	2013
Derek Hudgins	115	2013	Matt Anthony	132	2013	Frank Fogarty	73	2012
Matt Anthony	108	2012	Jared Fisher	131	2011	Mark Schilling	70	2013
Rob Ostrowski	100	2013	Sean McCandless	129	2009	Russ Ruffing	69	2013
Sean McCandless	98	2010	Mark Schilling	127	2013	Sean McCandless	69	2009
Jim Nelson	94	2013	Russ Ruffing	119	2011	Derek Richardson	67	2013
David Kidwell	93	2011	David Kidwell	116	2013	Derek Hudgins	67	2013
Jim Nelson	89	2011	Jim Nelson	112	2011	Diane Ford	59	2013

Maryland Months - All-time High Months

July			August			September		
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Joe Hanfman	180	2009	Tim Carney	199	2013	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	Joe Hanfman	178	2011	Joe Hanfman	183	2012
Bill Hubick	157	2011	Joe Hanfman	178	2013	Ron Gutberlet	181	2011
Joe Hanfman	150	2011	Ron Gutberlet	176	2009	Tim Carney	177	2013
Joe Hanfman	149	2012	Tim Carney	170	2012	Joe Hanfman	174	2009
Ron Gutberlet	146	2011	Mike Burchett	170	2012	Dan Haas	173	2011
Jared Fisher	146	2011	John Hubbell	163	2012	Mike Burchett	170	2012
Tim Carney	144	2013	Ron Gutberlet	163	2012	Bill Hubick	170	2011
John Hubbell	144	2010	John Hubbell	163	2009	Dan Haas	170	2010
Dan Haas	139	2009	Dan Haas	162	2008	Joe Hanfman	167	2011
Rob Ostrowski	130	2013	Bill Hubick	160	2011	Dan Haas	161	2008
John Hubbell	128	2011	Edward Boyd	159	2012	Betsy Bangert	161	2012
Dave Palmer	128	2013	Betsy Bangert	159	2012	John Hubbell	161	2011
Dan Haas	123	2011	John Hubbell	156	2013	Joe Hanfman	160	2013
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
Dave Palmer	115	2012	Dave Palmer	147	2013	Jared Fisher	156	2012
Keith Eric Costley	111	2013	Dave Palmer	146	2011	Mike Ostrowski	156	2011
Joe Hanfman	110	2013	John Hubbell	145	2011	Jared Fisher	156	2011
Tim Carney	109	2012	Edward Boyd	144	2010	Tim Carney	154	2012
Edward Boyd	105	2012	Rob Ostrowski	140	2011	Ron Gutberlet	154	2012
John Hubbell	103	2013	Dan Haas	139	2009	Dan Haas	154	2012
Dan Haas	102	2010	Russ Ruffing	139	2012	Dave Palmer	152	2013
Matt Anthony	102	2013	Dan Haas	135	2012	Dave Palmer	151	2012
John Hubbell	97	2012	Rob Ostrowski	134	2012	Edward Boyd	147	2011
Russ Ruffing	96	2013	Edward Boyd	133	2011	Sean McCandless	144	2012
Howard Patterson	93	2013	Howard Patterson	131	2013	John Hubbell	140	2013
Keith Eric Costley	92	2012	Sean McCandless	130	2013	Sean McCandless	140	2013
Dan Haas	92	2012	Ron Gutberlet	129	2013	Howard Patterson	138	2013
Dan Haas	89	2008	Keith Eric Costley	128	2013	Ron Gutberlet	138	2013
Mike Burchett	87	2012	Dan Haas	127	2011	Rob Ostrowski	138	2013
Sean McCandless	84	2010	Jared Fisher	127	2012	Russ Ruffing	134	2012
Derek Hudgins	84	2013	Mike Ostrowski	121	2011	Dave Palmer	127	2011
Sean McCandless	82	2012	Dan Haas	121	2010	Rob Ostrowski	125	2012
Mark Schilling	81	2013	Sean McCandless	121	2012	Russ Ruffing	122	2013
Betsy Bangert	80	2012	Keith Eric Costley	116	2012	David Kidwell	121	2013
Sean McCandless	73	2009	Matt Anthony	115	2013	Sean McCandless	121	2009
Ron Gutberlet	72	2013	David Kidwell	109	2013	Edward Boyd	120	2012
Michael Bowen	72	2011	Jared Fisher	108	2011	Michael Bowen	119	2011
Jared Fisher	65	2012	Rob Ostrowski	107	2013	Keith Eric Costley	114	2012
Diane Ford	65	2013	Mark Schilling	104	2013	Derek Hudgins	114	2012
Edward Boyd	58	2011	Mark Schilling	102	2012	Mark Schilling	103	2012
Sean McCandless	56	2013	Michael Bowen	99	2011	Russ Ruffing	97	2011
Russ Ruffing	55	2012	Wayne Baumgartner	99	2013	Jim Nelson	96	2008
Ron Gutberlet	55	2012	Russ Ruffing	98	2013	Frank Fogarty	89	2012
Mark Schilling	53	2012	Diane Ford	98	2013	Matt Anthony	89	2011
Jim Nelson	53	2007	Russ Ruffing	86	2011	Matt Anthony	85	2013

Maryland Months - All-time High Months

October			November			December		
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Rob Ostrowski	196	2011	Mike Ostrowski	158	2010	Ron Gutberlet	143	2012
Ron Gutberlet	183	2011	Ron Gutberlet	157	2008	Joe Hanfman	143	2008
Joe Hanfman	181	2011	Joe Hanfman	156	2011	Ron Gutberlet	141	2008
Mike Burchett	178	2012	Rob Ostrowski	154	2011	Rob Ostrowski	136	2011
Rob Ostrowski	173	2012	Tim Carney	152	2013	Tim Carney	132	2013
Mike Ostrowski	168	2010	Bill Hubick	151	2011	Joe Hanfman	132	2012
Tim Carney	168	2013	Ron Gutberlet	149	2011	Dan Haas	129	2008
Mike Ostrowski	165	2011	Mike Burchett	148	2012	John Hubbell	129	2009
Joe Hanfman	162	2012	Ron Gutberlet	146	2012	Matt Anthony	128	2011
Tim Carney	162	2012	John Hubbell	144	2012	Ron Gutberlet	127	2011
Betsy Bangert	159	2012	Tim Carney	139	2012	Bill Hubick	124	2011
John Hubbell	156	2009	Betsy Bangert	139	2012	Mike Ostrowski	123	2010
Dan Haas	155	2012	Dan Haas	139	2008	Dave Palmer	123	2011
Dan Haas	154	2011	Sean McCandless	136	2012	Edward Boyd	123	2010
Joe Hanfman	153	2013	John Hubbell	135	2009	Dan Haas	122	2010
Dan Haas	150	2009	Joe Hanfman	133	2012	Joe Hanfman	121	2011
Dan Haas	148	2010	Mike Ostrowski	132	2011	Joe Hanfman	121	2013
Jared Fisher	148	2012	Rob Ostrowski	131	2012	John Hubbell	120	2012
Bill Hubick	146	2011	Dan Haas	129	2012	Dan Haas	120	2009
Ron Gutberlet	141	2012	John Hubbell	129	2011	Mike Ostrowski	118	2011
Dave Palmer	139	2013	Jared Fisher	127	2012	Dave Palmer	118	2012
Sean McCandless	137	2012	Edward Boyd	123	2012	John Hubbell	117	2011
John Hubbell	133	2011	Dave Palmer	122	2012	Tim Carney	114	2012
Dave Palmer	130	2012	Dave Palmer	121	2013	Rob Ostrowski	113	2012
Edward Boyd	128	2011	Dave Palmer	121	2011	Dan Haas	109	2011
Dan Haas	127	2008	Jared Fisher	121	2011	Edward Boyd	109	2011
John Hubbell	124	2012	Dan Haas	120	2010	Sean McCandless	106	2013
Ron Gutberlet	121	2013	Joe Hanfman	118	2013	Sean McCandless	105	2010
Rob Ostrowski	118	2013	Dan Haas	115	2009	Russ Ruffing	104	2012
Howard Patterson	115	2013	Howard Patterson	111	2013	John Hubbell	102	2013
Sean McCandless	110	2009	Keith Eric Costley	108	2012	Dave Palmer	98	2013
Keith Eric Costley	110	2012	Rob Ostrowski	105	2013	Howard Patterson	98	2013
Russ Ruffing	108	2012	Matt Anthony	104	2013	Dan Haas	97	2012
Mark Schilling	107	2012	Ron Gutberlet	103	2013	Rob Ostrowski	97	2013
John Hubbell	106	2013	Dan Haas	99	2011	Ron Gutberlet	96	2013
Sean McCandless	106	2013	Michael Bowen	99	2011	Russ Ruffing	96	2011
Dave Palmer	106	2010	Mark Schilling	98	2012	Jared Fisher	94	2011
David Kidwell	103	2013	David Kidwell	97	2011	Edward Boyd	93	2012
Derek Hudgins	103	2012	John Hubbell	95	2013	Keith Eric Costley	92	2012
Dave Palmer	97	2011	Edward Boyd	92	2010	Russ Ruffing	88	2013
Russ Ruffing	97	2011	Diane Ford	88	2013	Jared Fisher	87	2012
David Kidwell	97	2011	Derek Hudgins	86	2012	Mike Burchett	86	2012
Russ Ruffing	95	2013	Matt Anthony	86	2011	Keith Eric Costley	84	2013
David Kidwell	90	2012	Sean McCandless	85	2009	Betsy Bangert	83	2012
Benjamin DeHaven	84	2013	Keith Eric Costley	82	2013	Michael Bowen	80	2011
Keith Eric Costley	80	2013	Mark Schilling	81	2013	Matt Anthony	74	2013
Michael Bowen	79	2011	David Kidwell	74	2012	David Kidwell	73	2011
Frank Fogarty	76	2012	Russ Ruffing	73	2012	Jim Nelson	69	2007
Matt Anthony	76	2011	Benjamin DeHaven	70	2013	Mark Schilling	67	2013
Edward Boyd	74	2012	Russ Ruffing	68	2013	Derek Hudgins	65	2012

Maryland Months								
Month Closeouts - Life			Total Month Ticks - Life		Total Month Ticks - Year			
Name	Total		Name	Total	Name	Total Achieved		
Jim Stasz	112		Jim Stasz	3005	Ron Gutberlet	1993 2009		
Matt Hafner	102		Marshall Iliff	2948	Joe Hanfman	1967 2012		
John Hubbell	86		Matt Hafner	2901	Rob Ostrowski	1928 2011		
Jim Brighton	85		Bill Hubick	2715	Bill Hubick	1918 2011		
Ron Gutberlet	84		Joe Hanfman	2666	Ron Gutberlet	1906 2011		
Bill Hubick	82		John Hubbell	2655	Joe Hanfman	1891 2011		
Joe Hanfman	81		Jim Brighton	2650	Tim Carney	1871 2013		
Mark Hoffman	81		Mark Hoffman	2566	Mike Ostrowski	1783 2011		
Edward Boyd	77		Ron Gutberlet	2560	Mike Burchett	1759 2012		
Mike Burchett	71		Mike Burchett	2451	Joe Hanfman	1754 2013		
Rob Ostrowski	67		Dan Haas	2394	John Hubbell	1729 2009		
Dan Haas	66		Rob Ostrowski	2363	Betsy Bangert	1673 2012		
Dave Powell	65		Dave Powell	2360	Dan Haas	1673 2011		
Fred Fallon	62		Fred Fallon	2278	Ron Gutberlet	1635 2012		
Mike Ostrowski	60		Mike Ostrowski	2230	Dan Haas	1621 2009		
Dan Small	59		Dan Small	2211	Rob Ostrowski	1613 2012		
Tim Carney	56		Michael Bowen	2188	John Hubbell	1610 2011		
Keith Eric Costley	56		Edward Boyd	2163	Dan Haas	1601 2008		
Elaine Hendricks	55		Jared Fisher	2156	Dave Palmer	1585 2012		
Chuck Stirrat	51		Betsy Bangert	2047	Dan Haas	1561 2012		
Jared Fisher	50		Tim Carney	2040	John Hubbell	1543 2012		
Elliot Kirschbaum	46		Chuck Stirrat	2019	Dave Palmer	1542 2013		
Betsy Bangert	45		Elliot Kirschbaum	2011	Edward Boyd	1530 2012		
Mark Schilling	44		Keith Eric Costley	2000	Dan Haas	1523 2010		
Sean McCandless	43		Sean McCandless	1885	Jared Fisher	1507 2012		
Russ Ruffing	43		Mark Schilling	1745	Tim Carney	1497 2012		
Derek Richardson	42		Dave Palmer	1699	Ron Gutberlet	1467 2013		
Steve Collins	40		David Kidwell	1683	Dave Palmer	1456 2011		
Jim Nelson	34		Russ Ruffing	1654	John Hubbell	1439 2013		
David Kidwell	33		Steve Collins	1608	Jared Fisher	1434 2011		
Matt Anthony	31		Howard Patterson	1544	Edward Boyd	1371 2011		
Rob Hilton	24		Derek Richardson	1325	Keith Eric Costley	1364 2012		
Derek Hudgins	24		Matt Anthony	1270	Howard Patterson	1363 2013		
Frank Fogarty	13		Derek Hudgins	1206	Rob Ostrowski	1320 2013		
Annual Month Closeouts - all time highs								
Name - Total - Year			Name - Total - Year			Name - Total - Year		
Tim Carney	51	2013	Rob Ostrowski	35	2013	David Kidwell	18	2013
Joe Hanfman	49	2012	Russ Ruffing	34	2013	Matt Anthony	18	2013
Joe Hanfman	40	2013	Russ Ruffing	30	2012	Derek Richardson	14	2012
Dan Haas	39	2011	John Hubbell	27	2013	Sean McCandless	10	2013
Rob Ostrowski	39	2012	Dan Haas	27	2010	Mark Schilling	3	2013
Dan Haas	38	2009	Mike Burchett	25	2012	Edward Boyd	1	2012
Dan Haas	36	2008	Betsy Bangert	20	2012			
Dan Haas	36	2012	Jim Nelson	20	2013			
Tim Carney	36	2012	John Hubbell	20	2012			

District of Columbia Months - Life Lists							
January		February		March		April	
Paul Pisano	118	Paul Pisano	114	Paul Pisano	131	Paul Pisano	181
Michael Bowen	106	Michael Bowen	85	John Hubbell	110	Rob Hilton	173
Rob Hilton	96	John Hubbell	85	Michael Bowen	104	John Hubbell	151
John Hubbell	89	Jason Berry	80	Rob Hilton	111	Michael Bowen	148
Jason Berry	39	Rob Hilton	73	Jason Berry	94	Jason Berry	151
May		June		July		August	
Paul Pisano	205	Paul Pisano	125	Paul Pisano	112	Paul Pisano	148
Rob Hilton	184	Rob Hilton	99	Rob Hilton	102	Rob Hilton	139
Michael Bowen	171	John Hubbell	96	John Hubbell	97	John Hubbell	123
John Hubbell	147	Michael Bowen	80	Jason Berry	85	Michael Bowen	120
Jason Berry	148	Jason Berry	70	Michael Bowen	84	Jason Berry	119
September		October		November		December	
Rob Hilton	170	Paul Pisano	160	Paul Pisano	137	Paul Pisano	124
Paul Pisano	165	Rob Hilton	146	Rob Hilton	123	Rob Hilton	108
Jason Berry	136	Jason Berry	145	Michael Bowen	106	Michael Bowen	108
Michael Bowen	133	Michael Bowen	119	John Hubbell	101	John Hubbell	101
John Hubbell	123	John Hubbell	113	Jason Berry	89	Jason Berry	67

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

Table of Big Day Records (new for 2013)

Ok, birders – it's up to you to fill in this table! As you can see, there are a lot of gaps in Big Days across the MD/DC region. A full 14 counties plus the District have NO Big Days on record, nor have any been conducted strictly on the western shore. There are a number of heavily-birded counties (Baltimore, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, and Worcester come to mind) that should absolutely get more Big Day action than they have, which in most cases is none. 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 Big Days. Just think, on a Big Day, even a Downy Woodpecker is exciting! It's a blast, so c'mon people! 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, otherwise they count as a Big Day for a single county.

	All-time	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Maryland	214					214							
Eastern Shore	157	138		136		123			157				130
Western Shore													
Garrett	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allegany	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Frederick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carroll	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Howard	122	75	75	79	96	122	-	89	84	102	79	58	71
Montgomery	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	106	-	-	-	-
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harford	138	-	-	-	-	138	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cecil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anne Arundel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince George's	120	-	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calvert	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charles	140	-	-	-	105	140	-	-	-	89	-	-	-
St. Mary's	85	-	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Queen Anne's	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caroline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Talbot	110	-	-	-	-	110	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dorchester	113	-	-	113	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Somerset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wicomico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worcester	158	75	-	-	-	158	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
District of Columbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Maryland Big Days

214 is the all-time high Big Day for Maryland. Only six have exceeded 200 species. No new statewide Big Days were reported in 2013. Individual county Big Days are shown and discussed in each county summary.

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

General County Lists

County Closeouts - Life (245 max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	194	2012	Rob Ostrowski	74	2013	Paul Nistico	36	2005
John Hubbell	165	2013	Joel Martin	69	2013	Lou Nielsen	33	2013
Bob Ringler	141	2013	Mike Ostrowski	66	2013	Fran Saunders	32	2011
Bill Hubick	139	2013	Phil Davis	63	2013	Norm Saunders	32	2011
Jim Green	131	2013	Dave Harvey	62	2007	Chuck Stirrat	29	2013
Dave Powell	130	2013	Kevin Graff	60	2010	Mike Burchett	27	2013
Marshall Iliff	121	2011	Jeff Culler	59	2013	Sue Hamilton	24	2003
Matt Hafner	116	2013	John Gregoire	59	2005	Burton Alexander	24	2000
Joe Hanfman	111	2013	Larry Bonham	57	1995	Dan Haas	23	2013
Elaine Hendricks	110	2013	Marcia Balestri	56	2013	David Holmes	22	1994
Stan Arnold	110	2011	Michele Morris	51	1992	Michael Bowen	17	2011
Hans Holbrook	102	2009	J.B. Churchill	50	2013	Matt Tillett	16	2010
Dave Perry	102	2011	George Jett	50	2013	Jared Satchell	7	2011
Kathy Calvert	99	2013	Dotty Mumford	50	2006	Joy Peters	7	2009
Rick Blom	99	1999	Fred Fallon	48	2013	Clifton Barry	6	1990
Steve Sanford	93	2007	Duvall Sollers	43	2013	Ross Geredien	4	2013
Ron Gutberlet	88	2013	Leslie Starr	42	2011	Elliot Kirschbaum	2	2013
Harvey Mudd	88	2011	David Walbeck	42	2002	Russ Ruffing	1	2013
Edward Boyd	77	2012	Marion Mudd	40	2011	Steve Collins	1	2013
Helen Patton	76	2013	Lynn Davidson	40	1998			
John Dennehy	76	2012	Anna Urciolo	38	2013			

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

Name	Minimum	Name	Minimum	Name	Minimum
Jim Stasz	245	Ron Gutberlet	157	Anna Urciolo	107
John Hubbell	212	Helen Patton	151	Chuck Stirrat	94
Bob Ringler	205	Rob Ostrowski	150	Norm Saunders	87
Bill Hubick	201	John Dennehy	148	Fran Saunders	87
Jim Green	197	Dave Perry	147	Dan Haas	84
Dave Powell	196	Mike Ostrowski	142	Mike Burchett	77
Marshall Iliff	190	Joel Martin	138	Lou Nielsen	75
Matt Hafner	189	Marion Mudd	136	Dan Haas	72
Edward Boyd	177	Marcia Balestri	131	Michael Bowen	65
Tom Feild	174	Fred Fallon	129	Rob Hilton	59
Elaine Hendricks	168	J.B. Churchill	127	Warren Strobel	54
Kathy Calvert	166	Rod Burley	126	Ross Geredien	43
Joe Hanfman	166	George Jett	116	Russ Ruffing	34
Jim Brighton	165	Phil Davis	108	Betsy Bangert	33
Harvey Mudd	160	Leslie Starr	107	Kye Jenkins	31

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

Name	#, Year	Name	#, Year	Name	#, Year
Joe Hanfman	92, 2013	Joe Hanfman	83, 2012	Edward Boyd	19, 2012
Jim Green	88, 2012	John Hubbell	59, 2013	Ron Gutberlet	12, 2013
Jim Stasz	87, 2012	John Hubbell	46, 2012	Leslie Starr	6, 2012
Elaine Hendricks	87, 2013	Ron Gutberlet	29, 2012		

County Closeouts - All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	83	2002	Joe Hanfman	24	2010	Dave Powell	11	2005
Dave Perry	80	2001	Jim Brighton	24	2005	Anna Urciolo	10	2012
Jim Stasz	65	1999	Bill Hubick	24	2006	Joe Hanfman	10	2013
John Hubbell	59	2003	Jim Green	23	2008	John Hubbell	10	2009
Ron Gutberlet	51	2011	Hans Holbrook	22	2005	Ron Gutberlet	10	2008
Dave Perry	48	1999	Joe Hanfman	21	2012	John Hubbell	9	2004
Leslie Starr	45	2013	Jim Green	21	2011	Dave Powell	8	2012
Phil Davis	44	1995	Jim Green	21	2009	Jim Stasz	8	2004
Jim Green	43	2007	George Jett	21	1995	John Hubbell	7	2013
Rob Ostrowski	40	2010	Dave Powell	20	2007	Jared Satchell	7	2011
Stan Arnold	39	2005	Dave Powell	18	2006	John Hubbell	7	2011
Bill Hubick	36	2008	Dave Powell	16	2008	John Hubbell	7	2008
Bill Hubick	35	2007	Hans Holbrook	15	2004	Jim Green	6	2013
Ron Gutberlet	34	2009	Jeff Culler	14	2013	Marcia Balestri	6	2013
Bill Hubick	30	2011	Jim Stasz	14	2008	Matt Tillett	5	2010
John Dennehy	30	2010	Jim Stasz	14	2007	Helen Patton	5	2001
Leslie Starr	30	2010	Jim Green	14	2010	Helen Patton	5	2000
Rob Ostrowski	29	2011	Anna Urciolo	14	2011	John Hubbell	4	2012
Bill Hubick	29	2005	Leslie Starr	12	2011	Ron Gutberlet	3	2013
Jim Stasz	28	1998	Jim Stasz	12	2000	Ron Gutberlet	2	2012
Bill Hubick	27	2009	Dave Powell	12	2004	Dave Powell	2	2001
Mike Ostrowski	26	2011	Jim Stasz	12	2005	Dave Powell	2	2003
Ron Gutberlet	25	2010	Anna Urciolo	11	2013	Edward Boyd	1	2012
J.B. Churchill	25	2000	Jeff Culler	11	2011	Mike Ostrowski	1	2009
Joe Hanfman	24	2011	Rob Ostrowski	11	2009	Sue Hamilton	1	1995

Total County Ticks - Life (7395 max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	6409	2012	Helen Patton	4177	2013	Joe Turner	3195	2011
Bob Ringler	5604	2013	Fred Fallon	4127	2013	Kye Jenkins	3070	2013
John Hubbell	5583	2013	John Dennehy	4116	2012	Joy Bowen	2869	2010
Bill Hubick	5362	2013	Jeff Culler	4090	2013	Elliot Kirschbaum	2847	2013
Matt Hafner	5286	2013	Steve Sanford	4087	2007	Sue Hamilton	2794	2003
Jim Brighton	5182	2013	Marion Mudd	4072	2011	Rob Hilton	2750	2013
Joe Hanfman	5147	2013	Mikey Lutmerding	4071	2013	Warren Strobel	2727	2013
Marshall Iliff	5136	2011	Mike Ostrowski	4071	2013	Jane Fallon	2662	2011
Dave Powell	5115	2013	J.B. Churchill	4066	2013	Betsy Bangert	2524	2013
Jim Green	5075	2013	Dave Harvey	3972	2007	Tim Carney	2504	2013
Hans Holbrook	5063	2009	Dan Haas	3763	2013	Jared Satchell	2431	2011
Stan Arnold	4898	2011	Leslie Starr	3747	2013	Matt Tillett	2367	2010
Edward Boyd	4829	2012	Phil Davis	3641	2013	Ray Kiddy	2306	2008
Harvey Mudd	4802	2011	Norm Saunders	3502	2011	Ross Geredien	2165	2013
Tom Feild	4781	2013	Michael Bowen	3486	2012	David Kidwell	2136	2013
Elaine Hendricks	4715	2013	Mike Burchett	3483	2013	Steve Collins	2085	2013
Kathy Calvert	4572	2013	Tom Feild	3470	2007	Russ Ruffing	2069	2013
Kevin Graff	4533	2010	Rod Burley	3436	2012	Keith Eric Costley	2003	2013
Ron Gutberlet	4527	2013	Anna Urciolo	3351	2013	Howard Patterson	1796	2013
Dave Perry	4498	2013	Fran Saunders	3306	2011	Mark Schilling	1611	2013
Joel Martin	4328	2013	Lou Nielsen	3274	2013	Derek Hudgins	1435	2013
Rob Ostrowski	4279	2013	Paul Nistico	3273	2005	Joshua Emm	1377	2013
George Jett	4237	2013	David Walbeck	3210	2002			

Total County Ticks - 2013

Name	Total
Joe Hanfman	2972
Elaine Hendricks	2497
Jim Green	2490
John Hubbell	2442
Jeff Culler	2379
Tim Carney	2052
Bill Hubick	1901
Ron Gutberlet	1825
Rob Ostrowski	1108
Howard Patterson	1078
Matt Anthony	915
David Kidwell	722
Russ Ruffing	695
Benjamin DeHaven	677
Derek Hudgins	637
Wayne Baumgartner	517
Mark Schilling	493
Derek Richardson	357
Anna Urciolo	272
Keith Eric Costley	233

Total County Ticks - All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	4086	2002	Joe Hanfman	2972	2013
Jim Stasz	3738	2012	Jim Green	2964	2008
Ron Gutberlet	3408	2011	Jim Green	2913	2009
Joe Hanfman	3360	2011	John Hubbell	2892	2009
Dave Perry	3322	2001	John Hubbell	2877	2007
Jim Green	3306	2011	Kevin Graff	2853	2007
Hans Holbrook	3244	2005	Jim Green	2806	2010
Bill Hubick	3233	2008	Joe Hanfman	2801	2009
Joe Hanfman	3225	2012	Bill Hubick	2770	2005
Bill Hubick	3200	2010	Jim Stasz	2759	2005
Bill Hubick	3193	2009	Stan Arnold	2746	2008
Stan Arnold	3185	2005	Ron Gutberlet	2741	2010
Rob Ostrowski	3173	2010	Jim Stasz	2727	2009
Jim Stasz	3159	2011	Jim Stasz	2717	2007
Ron Gutberlet	3147	2009	John Hubbell	2702	2011
Rob Ostrowski	3126	2011	Jeff Culler	2686	2011
Jim Brighton	3126	2005	John Hubbell	2662	2008
Mike Ostrowski	3109	2011	Jim Brighton	2657	2010
Stan Arnold	3099	2009	Dave Powell	2655	2007
Bill Hubick	3095	2011	Kevin Graff	2621	2008
Joe Hanfman	3049	2010	Jim Green	2616	2007
Bill Hubick	3037	2007	John Hubbell	2616	2010
Hans Holbrook	3021	2004	Kevin Graff	2613	2009
Mike Ostrowski	3017	2010	Bill Hubick	2604	2006

Garrett & Allegany Counties

As with most counties, the winter season that included January 2013 was good for winter finches, with sightings continuing into May. According to eBird, there were 195 species reported in Allegany County and 207 in Garrett County. It is not known if any individual or group keeps a formal accounting of annual species in either county.

Good birds turning up early in 2013 included a number of **Common Redpolls**. There were 50+ at Joe and Carol McDaniel's house. They first showed up on January 16th but more were seen a few days later. Jim Green and Ron Gutberlet found three near that location on March 20th. There were 50+ at Kevin Dodge's house on January 17th. Aaron Graham had four at his house on January 20th. Connie Skipper reported 20 at her house on February 2nd, and eight on February 7th. A **Northern Shrike** was seen at Finzel Swamp by Seth Metheny on February 12th and was seen by Connie Skipper on the 20th and on the 24th by J.B. Churchill. Another **Northern Shrike** (perhaps the very same) was seen there on April 6th by Mary Huebner and participants of a field trip of the Allegany & Garrett Counties Bird Club. Mark Eanes had 12 **White-winged Crossbills** at Rocky Gap State Park on January 11th and Kevin Dodge reported seven on February 5th near Garrett College.

During spring migration, Mark Johnson found a **White-winged Crossbill** on May 22 at New Germany State Park. Later in the Spring, a Big Day team raising money for Audubon consisting of Bill Hubick, Mikey Lutmerding, Matt Hafner, and Dave Curson had 72 *Sterna* terns which were mostly **Common Terns** with some **Arctic Terns** mixed in. They had 12 **Short-billed Dowitchers** and three **Red-necked Phalaropes** at Piney Reservoir. They also had a **Clay Colored Sparrow** at Trout Run WWTP. **Red Crossbills** (15) were found by Kathy Fleming, Mark Hoffman, Dave Czaplak, and Mary Ann Todd at Snaggy Mountain WMA. One **Red Crossbill** was found by John Hubbell, Jim Brighton, and Ron Gutberlet on June 2 at New Germany State Park and another at the Finzel Field and Pond (Allegany) the same day. **Blue Grosbeaks** were found by multiple observers in at least five locations in both counties this spring and summer.

With the arrival of fall, Aaron Graham had a **Stilt Sandpiper** at the Trout Run WWTP on September 14th and John Flannigan had five **American Golden Plovers** there on the 15th. Fran Pope banded a **Bicknell's Thrush** at Mount Nebo WMA on September 15th, confirming that they do move through this far west in the state. Very unusual visitors to Garrett County were a number of *Selasphorus* Hummingbirds. Courtney Englar had an adult female **Rufous Hummingbird** at his home that showed up on September 28th and stayed until October 6th, having been banded on October 5th. Aaron Graham had a *Selasphorus* show up at his house on November 14th and was seen intermittently until approximately November 25th. Courtney Englar reported another two individuals at a home in Oakland. The homeowner (a friend of Courtney's) estimates that at least one was there from approximately October 12th until November 23rd. The two were seen together only on November 13th. One of those individuals was later found dead. It had been banded in Metairie, Louisiana Feb 6, 2011 as a hatch-year immature female. J.B. Churchill reported a **Connecticut Warbler** at Finzel Swamp on September 27th and Tim Carney found and photographed one at the Field and Pond area at Finzel (Allegany County). Anna Urciolo and James more found an **Orange Crowned Warbler** there on October 5th.

Nearer to the end of the year, another **Northern Shrike** was found at Finzel Swamp on the Allegany County side by Tim Carney. Mikey Lutmerding found two **Cackling Geese** at Little Meadows Lake on December 1st. In December there was a **Snowy Owl** found in the Pleasant Valley area of Garrett County. It was first seen after dark on December 6th by a couple of drivers who "flushed it on the road." News spread reaching local birders and it was seen infrequently for about a week and never widely reported. It may have been seen irregularly after that and may or may not be the same one that turned up around the end of December on Underwood Road.

Listing In Garrett County, Mikey Lutmerding (254) added three new species and extended his lead to six species in the Life List category. His all-time high Year List of 229, achieved in 2007, is not likely to fall anytime soon. No other birder has ever topped 200 for Garrett in any year. Tim Carney's 134 was the best anyone could do in 2013.

In Allegany County, Jim Paulus (273) remains atop the Life List category; even though his total is now 13 years old, it is still 12 higher than any other birders'. Mikey Lutmerding also holds the all-time high Year List (213 in 2007) for Allegany County; there are six others that have also achieved 200+ in one year, although none have done so in the last six years. Tim Carney's 122 was the top list in 2013.

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
<i>Mikey Lutmerding</i>	254	2013	Mike Ostrowski	184	2013	Dotty Mumford	161	2006
J.B. Churchill	248	2013	David Walbeck	183	2002	Harvey Mudd	160	2011
Jim Stasz	246	2012	Ray Kiddy	181	2008	Mary Ann Todd	160	2011
Jim Brighton	232	2013	Kathy Calvert	180	2013	Jeff Culler	158	2013
John Hubbell	229	2013	Edward Boyd	179	2012	John Dennehy	157	2012
Bill Hubick	226	2013	Michael O'Brien	179	1999	Marcia Balestri	152	2013
Hans Holbrook	226	2009	George Jett	175	2013	John Gregoire	152	2005
Marshall Iliff	224	2011	Helen Patton	174	2013	Jane Fallon	151	2013
Matt Hafner	222	2013	Elaine Hendricks	174	2013	Betsy Bangert	151	2013
Mike Burchett	220	2013	Rick Blom	174	1999	Kevin Graff	151	2010
Bob Ringler	213	2013	Gwen Brewer	171	2013	Rod Burley	149	2013
David Yeany	205	2009	Paul O'Brien	170	2013	Dave Perry	147	2013
Jim Green	202	2013	Steve Sanford	168	2007	Mark Hoffman	145	2010
Dave Powell	200	2013	Rob Ostrowski	167	2013	Leslie Starr	144	2012
Ron Gutberlet	198	2013	Teresa Simons	166	1994	Tim Carney	144	2013
Stan Arnold	194	2011	Dave Harvey	165	2007	David Holmes	143	1994
Joe Hanfman	189	2013	Fred Fallon	163	2013	Ottavio Janni	142	2001

Garrett County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
<i>Mikey Lutmerding</i>	229	2007	Bill Hubick	149	2006	Dave Perry	129	2001
Mikey Lutmerding	216	2008	Jim Stasz	148	2004	Jim Stasz	129	1998
Jim Stasz	198	2002	J.B. Churchill	147	2006	John Hubbell	125	2007
Jim Stasz	191	2012	J.B. Churchill	147	2005	Rob Ostrowski	124	2012
Jim Stasz	184	1999	Bill Hubick	146	2011	Bill Hubick	121	2013
J.B. Churchill	178	2009	Jim Stasz	145	2009	Jim Green	121	2012
Jim Stasz	176	2003	Hans Holbrook	144	2005	Jim Green	121	2010
Jim Stasz	176	2006	Ron Gutberlet	144	2011	Dave Powell	120	2008
J.B. Churchill	176	2008	John Hubbell	144	2005	Dave Powell	117	2007
J.B. Churchill	176	2007	Marshall Iliff	144	1999	Joe Hanfman	116	2010
Jim Stasz	172	2000	John Hubbell	142	2008	Michael Bowen	116	2011
Bill Hubick	171	2005	John Hubbell	139	2006	Joe Hanfman	114	2012
Ron Gutberlet	170	2009	Jim Green	139	2009	Stan Arnold	113	2008
J.B. Churchill	168	2000	Edward Boyd	138	2012	Ray Kiddy	112	2008
J.B. Churchill	166	2003	Bill Hubick	138	2008	Jim Green	111	2013
J.B. Churchill	161	1999	Jim Green	138	2008	Leslie Starr	111	2011
Jim Stasz	159	2007	Bill Hubick	137	2009	Ron Gutberlet	110	2010
J.B. Churchill	157	2004	Dave Powell	137	2006	George Jett	109	1998
Jim Stasz	155	2005	Jim Green	136	2011	John Hubbell	108	2011
J.B. Churchill	154	2001	Stan Arnold	136	2005	Hans Holbrook	106	2004
Mike Ostrowski	153	2011	Marshall Iliff	136	1992	Bill Hubick	105	2010
Jim Stasz	153	1992	Tim Carney	134	2013	John Hubbell	105	2009
Bill Hubick	153	2007	Jim Stasz	132	2008	Joe Hanfman	104	2013
Joe Hanfman	149	2011	Mike Ostrowski	131	2010	Elaine Hendricks	104	2012
Hans Holbrook	149	2007	Dave Powell	129	2004			

Allegany County Life Lists (301 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
<i>Jim Paulus</i>	273	2000	Marshall Iliff	202	2011	Joe Hanfman	166	2013
Ray Kiddy	261	2008	Hans Holbrook	202	2009	Steve Sanford	166	2007
Teresa Simons	260	1994	Matt Hafner	198	2013	Dave Harvey	165	2007
J.B. Churchill	259	2013	Dave Powell	197	2013	Michael O'Brien	164	1999
Mikey Lutmerding	248	2013	John Gregoire	190	2005	Mike Burchett	163	2013
Jim Stasz	245	2012	Stan Arnold	184	2011	Mike Ostrowski	162	2013
Bob Ringler	225	2013	Edward Boyd	180	2012	Rod Burley	159	2013
Phil Davis	224	2012	James Wilkinson	179	1990	Marion Mudd	159	2011
John Hubbell	217	2013	Kathy Calvert	176	2013	David Walbeck	158	2002
David Yeany	217	2009	Ron Gutberlet	176	2013	Rob Ostrowski	155	2013
Bill Hubick	207	2013	Rick Blom	171	1999	Dave Perry	152	2013
Gwen Brewer	205	2013	Harvey Mudd	170	2011	George Jett	151	2013
Jim Brighton	205	2013	Helen Patton	168	2013	David Holmes	151	1994
Jim Green	205	2013	Elaine Hendricks	168	2013	Mark Hoffman	149	2010

Allegany County All-time High Year Lists

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

Washington County

There was a total of 204 species seen in Washington County, MD, for 2013, second only to the 210 seen in 2008. The bird that seemed to generate the most attention was the **Swallow-tailed Kite** first reported by Marcia Balestri on August 12 at the Albert M. Powell State Fish Hatchery. A **Mississippi Kite** had been reported the day before by Joe Hanfman, also at the Hatchery, but the Swallow-tailed kept folks happy for several weeks as it stayed in the same general area and was seen by many catching insects and feeding on the wing over several nearby fields.

The year started off strongly with Brad Lanning reporting 42 **Snow Geese** on New Year's Day along Chewsville Road and then four **Lapland Longspurs** as well as three **Snow Buntings** in the same area the following day. At the end of the week on the 7th, Deb Hale found a **Peregrine Falcon** along the Potomac River near Harper's Ferry. The winter continued to produce some hard-to-find birds including a **Common Redpoll** (Jim Stasz on Jan. 12), two **White-winged Crossbills** (Jim Wilkinson at Fort Ritchie on Jan. 26), and two **Evening Grosbeaks** (Sandra Phillips) at a private feeder on Feb. 17.

Other noteworthy sightings occurred over the new few months. Phil Welser found a **Long-tailed Duck** along the C&O Canal new Lock 38 on Mar. 17. A **Bonaparte's Gull** was spotted by Jim Stasz near Lock 37 on Apr. 8. At Little Pool, Pam Oves found a **Golden Eagle** on Apr. 6.

During the Fall migration, Kathy Calvert reported two hard-to-find warblers, a **Mourning Warbler** and **Tennessee Warbler**, as well as a **Philadelphia Vireo** on Sep. 23. On Dec. 30, Kathy closed out the year with a fantastic find at the Boonsboro Waste Water Treatment Plan - a **Red-throated Loon**.

Listing Jim Stasz (246) maintains a comfortable lead in the Life List category, with seven other birders over the 200 species mark. However, it will take some effort for anyone to top Hans Holbrook's all-time high Year List of 205 from 2008; that total still remains the only Year List in excess of 200 ever reported for the county. The highest year list for 2013 was Jim Greene's 143.

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

Washington County Life Lists (284 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	246	2012	Rick Blom	186	1999	Kevin Graff	161	2010
Hans Holbrook	227	2009	Harvey Mudd	184	2011	Steve Sanford	158	2007
Bob Ringler	218	2013	J.B. Churchill	183	2013	Rob Ostrowski	150	2013
Dave Weesner	215	2006	Edward Boyd	179	2012	John Gregoire	150	2005
John Hubbell	213	2013	Elaine Hendricks	178	2013	John Dennehy	149	2012
Jim Green	207	2013	Rod Burley	174	2013	Lynn Davidson	148	1998
Bill Hubick	204	2013	Ron Gutberlet	174	2013	Michele Morris	147	1992
Kathy Calvert	202	2013	Stan Arnold	174	2011	Herb Morris	147	1992
Dave Powell	196	2013	Marion Mudd	173	2011	Jeff Culler	146	2013
Matt Hafner	193	2013	Mikey Lutmerding	171	2013	Marcia Balestri	145	2013
Jim Brighton	192	2013	Mike Ostrowski	165	2013	Leslie Starr	145	2013
Dave Perry	191	2013	Elliot Kirschbaum	164	2013	Dave Harvey	145	2007
Joe Hanfman	190	2013	Joel Martin	162	2013	Fred Fallon	142	2013
Marshall Iliff	190	2011	Helen Patton	162	2013			

Washington County All-time High Year Lists								
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Hans Holbrook	205	2008	Jim Stasz	149	2002	Jim Stasz	136	2006
Hans Holbrook	197	2007	Dave Weesner	147	1993	Jim Stasz	132	2012
Dave Perry	176	2004	Jim Green	143	2013	Jim Brighton	132	2005
Dave Weesner	170	1998	Joe Hanfman	143	2009	Jim Green	132	2008
Jim Green	162	2011	Jim Green	143	2010	Ron Gutberlet	131	2011
Dave Perry	157	2003	Jim Stasz	143	2005	Jim Stasz	130	2011
Hans Holbrook	155	2005	Mike Ostrowski	140	2010	Bill Hubick	129	2010
Jim Stasz	153	1999	Bill Hubick	139	2008	Bill Hubick	128	2009
Jim Stasz	152	2008	Jim Green	139	2009	Jim Green	126	2012
Jim Stasz	151	1992	Bill Hubick	139	2007	Joe Hanfman	124	2013

Frederick County

Frederick County hosted some nice rarities this year, contributing to the 229 species reported in eBird for 2013. January through March saw a continuation of 2012's **Red** and **White-Winged Crossbills**, **Red-Breasted Nuthatches**, and **Pine Siskins** in several places in the county, many hanging on into April. Chuck Parker found a **Snow Goose** at Kershner's Pond on Jan. 3 which remained into March. Keith Costley spotted a **Rough-Legged X Red-Tailed Hawk** on Jan. 5 on New Windsor Road. Also on Jan. 5, the Audrey Carroll Audubon Sanctuary (ACAS) Count tallied a second all-time high of 49 species and added four new species to the count; **Bald Eagle**, **Red-Headed Woodpecker**, **American Pipit**, and **Chipping Sparrow**. High counts were tallied for many species including **Red-Bellied Woodpecker**, **Downy Woodpecker**, **White-Breasted Nuthatch**, **Carolina Wren**, **Golden-Crowned Kinglet**, **Yellow-Rumped Warbler**, and **Swamp Sparrow**. The Frederick County Mid-winter Count held on February 3 also recorded a second all-time high with 92 species

and high counts for 14 species, most notably **Common Raven** (Bob Ringler tallied 25 out of the 34 found) and **Rusty Blackbird** (Anna Urciola found 100).

Oland Road produced its usual **Lapland Longspurs** and the occasional **Snow Bunting** throughout January and February. Longspurs were also reported in March. Frederick County experienced unpleasant weather throughout most of March with several light snows hindering birding; however, a **FRANKLIN'S GULL** found by Jim Moore on Mar. 31 on Route 15 north of Frederick delighted many Frederick County and state-wide birders who were able to see this rare visitor.

The county experienced a hot spell in March, but the temperatures turned cold again in April. Mirroring the weather, migration seemed to start early, continued slowly, then stalled until the first part of May. Mark Johnson reported two **Snow Geese** at Baker Park on Apr. 6. Mike Welch found a **Glossy Ibis** on May 1, and Stan Fisher found a **Red Phalarope** on May 8, both birds at Lilypons.

The Frederick County May Count held on May 11 recorded a few notable highlights even though the total species count was somewhat lower than average. Marcia Balestri found a **Red-Throated Loon** on the Monocacy River. **Common Loon**, **Glossy Ibis**, and **Bufflehead** were the first seen in at least 10 years. The ACAS May Count on May 12 had the first ever **Bald Eagle**, **Osprey**, and **Louisiana Waterthrush** in its 22-year history. There were also count highs for **Eastern Towhee** (19) and **Bobolink** (16). The Fred Archibald May Count on May 5 had **Purple Finches** for the first time in the 10-year history of the count and a **Blue-Headed Vireo** for only the second time in 10 years. There were also 10-year high counts of **Northern Cardinal**, **Field Sparrow**, **European Starling**, and **Tree Swallow**.

Dave Wallace found a pair of **Yellow-Crowned Night-Herons** at Baker Park on May 23. May 29 was a particularly good day when Dave also found a very late **Ruby-Crowned Kinglet**; Gail Mackiernan and Barry Cooper discovered **Ruffed Grouse** in the Catoctin watershed along Delauter Road; and Don Simonson came across a **Sora** at Lilypons.

During the last week in May, the weather changed from rainy and cold to blazing hot in the 90's with no transition. Summer was relatively slow for rarities. A **Least Bittern** popped up in front of Marcia Balestri on June 4 at Lilypons. Mike Hudson found a late **Common Loon** at Cunningham Lake on June 6. Shorebirds started showing up in July with a **Semipalmated Sandpiper** at Lilypons spotted by Jeff Culler. **Dickcissels** delighted lots of birders along Oland Road towards the end of July.

Fall in Frederick County was also a bit slow, but Andy Wilson reported **Common Nighthawk** on August 29 near his house. In addition, he found an **Upland Sandpiper** in a field on Shriver Road on August 30. This field was also good for **American Golden-Plovers** for the next few days. On September 4, Mike Welch found a **Wilson's Phalarope** at Lilypons, and Marcia Balestri saw an **American Golden-Plover** along Harney Road. The Frederick County Fall Count was held on September 21. Unfortunately low participation resulted in a low count. The most notable species was a **Black-Bellied Plover** spotted by Kathy Calvert at Lilypons. On October 21, Lydia Schindler discovered a **Nelson's Sparrow** at Lilypons.

Despite the slow summer and fall, some rarities showed up for the winter. On Nov. 11, Chuck Parker found a **Greater White-Fronted Goose** along with a **Ross's Goose** at Kershner's Pond. Andy Wilson discovered **Pine Siskins** on Spring Run Circle on December 12. He also found two **Snow Geese** on Rocky Springs Road on November 30 and re-found one (or a new one) on Montvue Lane on December 24. Andy's luck (and skill) continued when he found a **Greater White-Fronted Goose** on Rocky Springs Road on December 27. Both geese roamed the general area into 2014.

As with many counties, Frederick was the beneficiary of the **Snowy Owl** irruption in December. Stacey Herbst reported this rare visitor on Route 15 north of Frederick on Dec. 5. The owl moved around a bit for the next couple of days before it disappeared. The Catoctin Christmas Count scheduled for December 15 was

postponed due to inclement weather until January 5. Continuing bad weather resulted in a low species count and very low numbers for most of the species. Three **Bald Eagles** were notable, but **Tree Sparrows** were missed for only the 2nd time in 65 years.

Listing Marcia Balestri (276) leads the Life List parade, having added four species in 2013. Kathy Calvert picked up two to put her at 272. In Year Lists, Stauffer Miller's incredible 231 total from 1993 has withstood all challengers for now 20 straight years. A year total of 200 or higher has been achieved in 14 other instances, including in 2013 by Marcia Balestri.

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
Marcia Balestri	276	2013	Ian Cornelius	221	1996	Dave Perry	188	2013
Kathy Calvert	272	2013	Hans Holbrook	220	2009	Lynn Davidson	187	1998
Paul O'Brien	270	2013	Andy Wilson	216	2013	Anna Urciolo	183	2013
Barbara Gearhart	267	2009	Stan Arnold	213	2011	Kevin Graff	183	2010
Michael Welch	260	2004	Rick Blom	213	1999	Mike Ostrowski	182	2013
Jim Stasz	259	2012	Jim Brighton	210	2013	Steve Sanford	182	2007
Bob Ringler	254	2013	Joe Hanfman	209	2013	Lola Oberman	177	1999
Gary Smyle	254	2004	Michael Bowen	208	2013	Larry Bonham	177	1995
Stauffer Miller	253	1995	Ottavio Janni	208	2001	Kurt Schwarz	174	2013
Frank Schaff	245	2006	Marion Mudd	207	2011	Rob Ostrowski	172	2013
Harvey Mudd	242	2011	Joel Martin	202	2013	Joy Bowen	167	2010
John Hubbell	235	2013	Helen Patton	200	2013	Gary Nelson	164	1993
Dave Powell	234	2013	Rod Burley	196	2013	Fred Fallon	163	2013
David Wallace	233	2001	John Gregoire	196	2005	George Jett	161	2013
Jim Green	232	2013	J.B. Churchill	193	2013	Ron Gutberlet	161	2013
Charles Finley	232	2000	Elaine Hendricks	193	2013	Dick Homan	160	2004
Gail Mackiernan	226	2013	Michele Morris	193	1992	Kye Jenkins	159	2013
Michael O'Brien	225	1999	Edward Boyd	192	2012	Lou Nielsen	159	2013
Andy Wilson	223	2012	Marshall Iliff	191	2011	Chuck Stirrat	158	2013
Matt Hafner	223	2013	Rob Hilton	189	2013	John Dennehy	158	2012
Bill Hubick	221	2013	Herb Morris	189	1992	Joy Peters	157	2009
Dave Harvey	221	2007	Hugh Mahanes	189	2003	Jeff Culler	155	2013

Frederick County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Stauffer Miller	231	1993	Marcia Balestri	194	2008	Jim Stasz	160	2002
Barbara Gearhart	230	2009	Marcia Balestri	193	2012	Gary Smyle	155	2001
Barbara Gearhart	224	2007	Marcia Balestri	190	2009	Jim Stasz	154	1999
Barbara Gearhart	224	2005	Marcia Balestri	189	2003	Rod Burley	153	2003
Barbara Gearhart	223	2006	Ian Cornelius	189	1996	Marcia Balestri	152	2001
Barbara Gearhart	222	2008	Michael Welch	189	1995	Ottavio Janni	152	1993
Barbara Gearhart	220	2004	Marcia Balestri	185	2004	Bill Hubick	148	2008
Barbara Gearhart	217	2003	Marcia Balestri	184	2010	Dave Perry	147	1999
Stauffer Miller	217	1992	Andy Wilson	182	2012	Dave Powell	146	2003
Stauffer Miller	215	1991	Michael Welch	182	1997	Michael Welch	146	1990
Stauffer Miller	215	1990	Michael Welch	181	1994	Paul O'Brien	146	1951
Gary Smyle	207	2002	Marcia Balestri	180	2006	John Hubbell	142	2008
Marcia Balestri	203	2011	Marcia Balestri	175	2005	Mike Ostrowski	141	2011
Andy Wilson	201	2011	Michael Welch	175	2002	Rod Burley	140	2000
Marcia Balestri	200	2013	Paul O'Brien	175	1953	Hans Holbrook	139	2005
Michael Welch	199	2000	Ian Cornelius	174	1995	Dave Powell	138	2004
Michael Welch	198	1999	Michael Welch	168	1992	Jim Stasz	136	1992
Marcia Balestri	196	2007	Michael Welch	166	1991	Jim Green	134	2011
Michael Welch	196	2004	Paul O'Brien	166	1952	Joe Hanfman	133	2009
Marcia Balestri	196	2002	Paul O'Brien	163	1954	Jim Stasz	131	2012

Carroll County

According to eBird statistics, 213 species were recorded in the county for the year; it is not known if any individual or group keeps a formal accounting of annual species in Carroll County.

Local rarities in 2013 began with a **Say's Phoebe** found by Bob Ringler on the Jan. 19 Carroll County Winter Bird Count near Detour; this bird was observed by many for about ten days. **White-winged Crossbills** were seen at Piney Run Park in January and Christmas Tree Park in February. A **Common Redpoll** was seen at the latter site in January. A male **Evening Grosbeak** in breeding plumage was a surprise at an Eldersburg feeder on Apr. 17 (Bob Ringler). A **Black Scoter** was at Cranberry Reservoir on Nov. 20. A **Rufous Hummingbird** came to a feeder near Silver Run this fall and was banded as an adult female. It stayed into the new year only to succumb to the frigid weather of early January 2014. A **Snowy Owl** made a brief appearance at a Westminster home on December 17.

Listing Bob Ringler added one species to his county Life List total which now stands at 279 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 183 was again tops for 2013 in the county.

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

Carroll County Life Lists (289 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Bob Ringler	279	2013	Lou Nielsen	193	2013	Jim Brighton	165	2013
Edward Boyd	252	2012	Stan Arnold	193	2011	John Dennehy	163	2012
Dave Harvey	252	2007	Joel Martin	189	2013	John Gregoire	161	2005
Jim Stasz	251	2012	Chuck Stirrat	185	2013	Kye Jenkins	159	2013
Rick Blom	250	1999	Kevin Graff	185	2010	Rob Ostrowski	159	2013
Mark Hoffman	217	2011	Rod Burley	184	2013	Helen Patton	157	2013
John Hubbell	212	2013	Steve Sanford	184	2007	Ron Gutberlet	157	2013
Dave Powell	202	2013	Kathy Calvert	183	2013	Jeff Culler	155	2013
Joe Hanfman	201	2013	Elaine Hendricks	181	2013	Marcia Balestri	154	2013
Bill Hubick	201	2013	Dave Perry	176	2013	Michele Morris	153	1992
Jim Green	199	2013	Marion Mudd	176	2011	Mike Ostrowski	152	2013
Marshall Iliff	198	2011	Bill Ellis	174	2004	George Jett	148	2011
Harvey Mudd	197	2011	Burton Alexander	170	2000	David Holmes	147	1994
Hans Holbrook	196	2009	Elliot Kirschbaum	166	2013	Herb Morris	144	1992
Matt Hafner	194	2013	Keith Eric Costley	165	2013	David Walbeck	141	2002

Carroll County All-time High Year Lists

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

Howard County

Birders reported a total of 238 species for Howard County in 2013. This total was the third highest in the last 35 years. The top county bird of the year was easily the county's first-ever **Black Rail**. While trolling for rail species on a University of Maryland Central Farm-approved bird walk on May 18, the Black Rail call was played as a joke. To the surprise of everyone on the walk, a Black Rail immediately responded and continued to call for fifteen minutes. The looks on the faces of everyone at that moment will not soon be forgotten! The Central Farm had for some time allowed limited access to the site via a strict protocol; sadly though, that access to this wonderful site was revoked in 2013. It is hoped that some form of access to one of the state's most productive birding locations will once again be granted, and that the birding community will take care to abide by any rules that are established.

Another great county bird was a second-record **Rufous Hummingbird** that showed up at a feeder in Ellicott City on Oct. 23. The homeowners then left for a period of time but the bird was banded and identified on Nov. 16.

A continuing bird from 2012 was the female Summer Tanager that overwintered in Columbia, being seen numerous times from Nov. 24, 2012 through Mar. 2, 2013. She was observed visiting feeders in two different yards (including Joe Hanfman's) that are 300 yards apart, as the tanager flies. This bird was a nice surprise for county birders (and month listers!), as the species can be quite hard to find in the county even during more "normal" months. Later in the spring, Bonnie Ott had one grace her yard on May 15.



*Rufous Hummingbird – Ellicott City
Russ Ruffing*

The winter of 2013 was a good one for gulls in the county, with Joe Hanfman finding four **Lesser Black-backed Gulls** and one **Iceland Gull** at a private location near Jessup in January. Thereafter, Mike Burchett and Betsy Bangert found a **Glaucous Gull**. On Jan 30, Nancy Magnusson and Joe Hanfman counted a high of 64 **Great Black-backed Gulls**.

The great finch invasion of the winter of 2012-2013 allowed for sightings of both **Red** and **White-winged Crossbills** to continue in January. Soon thereafter, Jim Wilkinson found an astonishing **Louisiana Waterthrush** on Feb. 16; this bird, which was seen at least once again, set a new early state record, beating the old record (Feb. 28) by *twelve days*! Another early bird, a **Palm Warbler** on Mar. 19 found at Triadelphia/Pigtail by Howard Patterson and Karen Darcy, broke the one year old early-county record by four days. Yet another early bird, again a new early-county record, appeared on April 2 when Matt Rogosky spotted a **Chimney Swift** at Centennial Lake.

Also in early spring, two **American Bitterns** found by David Cummings at Race Road on Apr. 18 were particularly cooperative. On May 4, Russ Ruffing and Matt Rogosky found a courting pair of **Black-billed Cuckoos** in Russ' yard. This pair spent the better part of the month entertaining birders from Howard and other parts of the state. These were likely the same birds that were seen and heard at the nearby Howard Conservancy into July.

May also brought hard-to-get county birds such as **Dunlin** (Kurt Schwarz) at Waverly Pond on the 7th, and **Cattle Egret** (Richard and Renee Peters) at Fulton Pond on the 11th. A **Glossy Ibis** found by Howard Patterson and Karen Darcy on May 7 at Fulton Pond was the 19th county record. Thanks to Tim Houghton's survey efforts, May was also an exceptional month for **Cerulean Warbler** in the county, as he found singing males and/or a pair at at least four locations along the Patapsco River; in some cases, these birds continued into July and hopefully nested successfully. Another difficult county warbler was a **Prothonotary Warbler**

found on May 9 by Bonnie Ott at Meadowbrook Park. Matt Rogosky later found a singing male Prothonotary along the Patapsco River on June 1, quite near one of the singing Cerulean Warblers described above. Matt's bird stayed through at least June 5. A sparrow highlight was a singing **Henslow's Sparrow**, the 13th record, discovered on May 11 by the sharp ears of Tom Feild and Geraldine King in a hayfield off Jennings Chapel Rd. This bird continued to be heard singing by many until at least June 15.

On May 16, an **Eastern Whip-poor-will** was heard calling for 15 minutes along Cavey Lane in the Woodstock area by Marjorie Warden. This bird has all but disappeared from the county over the past few decades. The only **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** of the year was seen by Allen Lewis at Lake Elkhorn on June 1 and again on June 3. John Hubbell found four **Short-billed Dowitchers** at Fulton Pond on July 28 but they only stayed for a brief time. While conducting a Big Day on July 27, Russ Ruffing, Harry Fink, and Matt Rogosky established two new early fall records for the county at Triadelphia reservoir – a female **Merlin** which broke the previous early date by six days, and two **Forster's Terns**, which broke the previous early record by two days. Ray and Woody DuBois found three **American Avocets** at Triadelphia on Aug. 2, and on Aug. 8 Joe Hanfman found a juvenile **Laughing Gull** at the same location.

A rarely seen **Lawrence's Warbler** (hybrid) was found by Russ Ruffing at his home on Sep. 13. This was the only one of its kind reported in Maryland in 2013 according to eBird. The county had a very good Fall warbler season in general, with multiple sightings of **Orange-crowned**, **Connecticut**, and **Mourning Warblers**, all quite difficult for Howard. On a Sep. 12 field trip to MPEA, the leader (Joe Hanfman) was able to get everyone on a skulking **Mourning Warbler**. A **Clay-colored Sparrow** was found by Bonnie Ott on Oct. 2 at Western Regional Park, setting a new fall early arrival date. A **Short-eared Owl** on Oct. 12 was the highlight of a trip to the Alpha Ridge Landfill. A **Sedge Wren** was found by Bonnie Ott on Oct. 21 at the Howard Conservancy.

The lone **Nelson's Sparrow** in the county in 2013 was found on Oct. 21 at Western Regional Park by Jim Wilkinson. An immature **Golden Eagle** was found by Mike Kerwin at Brighton Dam on Oct. 26. On Oct. 28, probably the same Golden Eagle was observed stealing a freshly-killed Pied-billed Grebe from a Bald Eagle. The only **Dickcissel** of the year in the county was found by David Sandler at Lake Elkhorn on Nov. 29. The only **Lapland Longspur** of the year was spotted up close along Underwood Road by Bill Hill on Dec. 11.

Despite the impressive Snowy Owl irruption that began in late fall and continued throughout the winter, sadly Howard County was one of only a few counties to not have a Snowy Owl reported. Due to a large, interconnected "listers" group in the county, it is consistently among the most well-birded counties in Maryland; however, even with intensive searches for Snowies, none were turned up.

Listing Jo Solem still has a comfortable five-bird lead in the Life List category, with a total of 288. She was one of the lucky seven that had the Black Rail to boost her county total one bird higher. Joe Hanfman's 226 species was easily the top year list in the county but short of the record of 231 from the previous year. The Big Day team of Russ Ruffing, Harry Fink, and Matt Rogosky almost completed their mission to log an official ABA Big Day for the county in each month of 2013. The only month they missed was June. On May 11, they broke by three birds the unofficial county Big Day record by totaling 122 species for the day.

There are now 11 Big Days in the database for Howard County, one for each county except June; these are shown in the Big Day table earlier in the report and are all by the Ruffing/Fink/Rogosky team from 2013.

Howard County Life Lists (304 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jo Solem	288	2013	Howard Patterson	234	2013	Edward Boyd	199	2012
Bonnie Ott	283	2013	Bob Solem	234	2008	Michael Bowen	199	2013
Nancy Magnusson	279	2013	Michael O'Sullivan	233	2012	Dave Perry	193	2013
Emy Holdridge	275	2012	Bill Hubick	232	2013	Paul Zucker	185	1993
Kurt Schwarz	271	2013	Harry Fink	232	2013	Helen Patton	180	2013
Joe Hanfman	271	2013	Allen Lewis	230	2013	Steve Sanford	180	2007
Chuck Stirrat	270	2013	Joel Martin	230	2013	Norm Saunders	180	2011
Bill Hill	268	2013	Mike Kerwin	229	2013	John Dennehy	179	2012
Karen Darcy	267	2013	Elaine Hendricks	226	2013	John Gregoire	178	2005
Jane Coskren	265	2011	Darius Ecker	223	1998	Jim Brighton	177	2013
Joe Byrnes	262	2013	Dave Powell	221	2013	Carol Newman	174	2005
Jeff Culler	262	2013	David Holmes	220	1994	James Wilkinson	172	1990
Warren David Cummings	259	2013	Matt Rogosky	216	2013	Fred Fallon	171	2013
Jim Stasz	259	2012	Kevin Heffernan	215	2003	Marion Mudd	171	2011
Helen Zeichner	257	2000	Harvey Mudd	214	2011	Steve Collins	169	2013
Bob Ringler	255	2013	Scott Atkinson	213	1990	Kevin Graff	169	2010
Rod Burley	252	2013	Burton Alexander	210	2000	Rob Ostrowski	168	2013
Russ Ruffing	249	2013	Jim Green	209	2013	Ron Gutberlet	168	2013
Tom Feild	249	2013	Kathy Calvert	208	2013	Marcia Balestri	167	2013
Dave Harvey	249	2007	Marshall Iliff	207	2011	Dan Haas	166	2013
Peter Osenton	244	2013	Tom Feild	207	2007	Kye Jenkins	164	2013
Mary-Jo Betts	244	2001	Phil Davis	206	2013	Mike Ostrowski	161	2013
Connie Bockstie	244	1994	Rick Blom	205	1999	Lou Nielsen	159	2013
Stan Arnold	243	2011	John Maloney	205	2001	Michele Morris	159	1992
Hans Holbrook	243	2009	Matt Hafner	202	2013	Stephen Simon	157	1992
John Hubbell	239	2013	Dennis Coskren	201	2008	Leslie Starr	156	2013

Howard County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Joe Hanfman	231	2012	Nancy Magnusson	216	2009	Connie Bockstie	209	1994
Warren David Cummings	231	2012	Russ Ruffing	215	2013	Jane Coskren	209	1994
Joe Hanfman	226	2013	Jo Solem	215	2010	Jane Coskren	209	1990
Jeff Culler	226	2012	Bonnie Ott	215	2003	Emy Holdridge	208	2011
Joe Hanfman	226	2010	Howard Patterson	213	2012	Russ Ruffing	207	2011
Joe Hanfman	225	2009	Jo Solem	213	2011	Jo Solem	207	1989
Bonnie Ott	224	2001	Jo Solem	213	2001	Jo Solem	206	2013
Nancy Magnusson	222	2012	Karen Darcy	212	2013	Emy Holdridge	206	2003
Harry Fink	222	2012	Chuck Stirrat	212	2012	Rod Burley	206	2002
Bonnie Ott	222	1994	Jeff Culler	212	2010	Jo Solem	205	2008
Joe Hanfman	221	2011	Emy Holdridge	212	2009	Bonnie Ott	205	2000
Jo Solem	221	2009	Jo Solem	212	2007	Jo Solem	204	2005
Russ Ruffing	220	2012	Jeff Culler	211	2009	Rod Burley	202	2012
Jeff Culler	220	2011	Jo Solem	211	2003	Chuck Stirrat	202	2011
Jo Solem	220	1994	Karen Darcy	210	2011	Emy Holdridge	202	2008
Karen Darcy	218	2012	Nancy Magnusson	210	1990	Nancy Magnusson	202	2008
Warren David Cummings	218	2011	Kurt Schwarz	209	2013	Jo Solem	202	2004
Emy Holdridge	217	2012	Allen Lewis	209	2013	Jo Solem	202	1995
Warren David Cummings	217	2013	Allen Lewis	209	2012	Jo Solem	202	1993
Howard Patterson	217	2013	Stan Arnold	209	2001	Jo Solem	202	1990
Jo Solem	216	2012	Nancy Magnusson	209	2010	3 different birders	201	various

Montgomery County

Birders reported at least 251 species for Montgomery County in 2013; this total was just eight short of 2012's impressive total of 258. Clearly, one of the top birds reported from the county in 2013 was the **Black-throated Gray Warbler** that showed up in Claire Nemes' Silver Spring backyard on Jan. 9. As with most Black-throated Gray sightings in Maryland, the warbler quickly disappeared, but returned to Claire's backyard on Jan. 22. A number of hardy birders braved the frigid temperatures for excellent views before it ultimately left for good, being last seen on Jan. 23. This was only Montgomery County's second record for this species.

The county was not left out of the 2013 **Snowy Owl** irruption. However, the county's only encounter with a Snowy Owl was brief and unsatisfying. Instagram video footage exists of a Snowy Owl that landed on a light post at a McDonald's Restaurant in Gaithersburg on Dec. 16, but further attempts to relocate this bird failed.

Another great bird for the county in 2013 was a juvenile **Tricolored Heron** found by Susan Hunt on July 28 at the Dierssen WMA along the C&O Canal just upstream of Pennyfield Lock. Not an unexpected species, as one seems to show up in Montgomery every 3 to 4 years or so, but this is the first one in recent memory that showed up in an easily accessible location and stuck around for more than a day. The bird lingered until at least Aug. 4, giving many birders time to "twitch" this species for the county.

A **Rufous Hummingbird** visited Noah Kahn's backyard in Silver Spring. This *Selasphorus* species hummingbird (banded and positively ID'ed by David Holmes) was initially seen by Noah on Dec. 12, 2012 and continued into 2013, being last reported Jan. 7.

The winter finch invasion never quite materialized in Montgomery the way folks had hoped for when crossbills, redpolls, and Evening Grosbeaks started to trickle down the east coast during the fall of 2012. However, Dave Czaplak found a **White-winged Crossbill** in Boyd's on Jan. 12 and two **Red Crossbills** in the Poolesville area on Feb. 2. Much easier to find were **Red-breasted Nuthatches**, which frequented a number of feeders from January to May. Dave Czaplak continued to find excellent northern species, including a **Northern Shrike** at Patton Turf Farm on Jan. 8, **Northern Goshawk** at Hughes Hollow on Feb. 11, **Black-Capped Chickadee** on Feb. 22, and a remarkable **Iceland Gull** on Mar. 10, the latter both at Violette's Lock.

While driving along River Road in the vicinity of Hughes Hollow, an adult **Northern Goshawk** flew past Dave Czaplak's car on Feb. 11. Dave also noted a juvenile **Iceland Gull** flying over the Potomac River at Violette's Lock on Mar. 10, and photographed an **Arctic Tern** from the same vicinity on May 9. This was his fourth Arctic Tern record in the county since 2010. In addition, Dave found four immature **Trumpeter Swans** on the Potomac River near Violette's Lock on Mar. 17 mixed in with a flock of approximately 139 **Tundra Swans**.

Jim Green, Dave Czaplak, Mary Ann Todd, and Don Simonson all heard an **Eastern Whip-poor-will** call briefly from Hunting Quarter Road within McKee-Beshers WMA between Apr. 13 and May 2. Jim Stasz and Ed Boyd reported a flyover **Mississippi Kite** near the intersection of Brink and Glendalough Roads on May 11. On July 5, an **Anhinga** was spotted by David Sollers as it soared over Hughes Hollow.

Sandhill Cranes in flight (either singles or a pair) were reported from the western portion of county between Violette's Lock and Hughes Hollow on Feb. 6, Mar. 10, Nov. 23 and 29, and Dec. 15. Flyover **Golden Eagles** appeared at various locations throughout the year. One was reported by Jim and Ann Nelson at Pennyfield Lock on Apr. 1; another by John Newman at the NIH Animal Research Facility on Oct. 18; one by Chuck Stirrat at Triadelphia Reservoir on Nov. 1; and another by David Gersten over his yard near Layhill Park on Dec. 5. A great yard bird for David!

2013 was a relatively good year for **Summer Tanager** with a number of spring and summer sightings throughout the county, including one individual that reportedly began feeding from a Bethesda beehive in November and continued into 2014.

As fall migration began in late-summer, notable shorebird sightings included **Upland Sandpiper** at the Hughes Road Polo Fields from July 21 to July 25, a single **White-rumped Sandpiper** at Blue Mash Nature Trail Aug. 31-Sep. 1, and both **Stilt Sandpipers** and **American golden-plovers** were found at several locations starting

on Sep. 2. A trio of **American Avocets** visited Triadelphia Reservoir on August 2, initially spotted by Woody and Rae Dubois. Overall, Fall migration was particularly good in 2013, with several sightings of **Olive-sided Flycatcher**, a **Golden-winged Warbler** found by Diane Ford at Aspen Hill on September 4, and Stephen Davies discovered **Dickcissel** in Wheaton on Sep. 24. Rob Ostrowski found a single **Connecticut Warbler** along Sligo Creek on Oct. 1, while Dave Czaplak had another on Oct. 20 at the Seneca Schoolhouse Fields.

Though the county was sparse on Snowy Owls in late fall/early winter, the same time frame was quite productive for northern "snow birds" at the Patton Turf Farm, which produced a single **Snow Bunting** that lingered from Dec. 13 to Dec. 16 and a high count of five **Lapland Longspurs** on Dec. 13.

Listing Paul O'Brien still sits atop the Life List board with 303 species, with a comfortable lead of 18 species. 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 219 in 2013. There is one Big Day in the database for Montgomery County, an August foray:

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

Montgomery County Life Lists (341 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Paul O'Brien	303	2013	Fran Saunders	232	2011	Kurt Schwarz	201	2013
Mary Ann Todd	285	2013	Joy Bowen	231	2010	Dave Perry	201	2013
Michael O'Brien	281	1999	Diane Ford	230	2013	Edward Boyd	201	2012
Rob Hilton	277	2013	Elaine Hendricks	229	2013	Joy Peters	201	2009
Dave Powell	275	2013	Michael Welch	228	2004	Marshall Iliff	200	2011
Harvey Mudd	275	2011	Bill Hubick	226	2013	George Jett	197	2013
Gail Mackiernan	270	2013	Clifford Comeau	226	2011	Michele Morris	195	1992
Jim Stasz	270	2012	Kathy Calvert	223	2013	Herb Morris	194	1992
Andy Martin	269	2013	Dick Homan	222	2004	Steve Sanford	193	2007
Larry Bonham	267	1995	Anna Urciolo	220	2013	Tom Marko	193	2007
Jim Green	265	2013	Stan Arnold	219	2011	Kevin Graff	191	2010
John Hubbell	262	2013	Frank Schaff	218	2006	Lisa Shannon	185	2013
Marion Mudd	258	2011	David Gersten	216	2008	John Dennehy	185	2012
Michael Bowen	257	2013	Ottavio Janni	213	2001	Lynn Davidson	185	1998
Joe Hanfman	257	2013	Jim Nelson	212	2013	Wain Barnes	182	2003
Lola Oberman	256	1999	Andy Rabin	211	2003	Ron Gutberlet	181	2013
Rick Sussman	254	2007	Edward DeMoll	211	1995	Dave Harvey	181	2007
Jared Fisher	251	2013	Gary Nelson	210	1993	Paul Nistico	178	2005
Bob Ringler	251	2013	Jim Brighton	209	2013	Thomas Valega	178	1993
Rod Burley	245	2013	Fred Fallon	209	2013	Kye Jenkins	176	2013
Norm Saunders	244	2011	Rick Blom	209	1999	J.B. Churchill	176	2011
Hans Holbrook	240	2009	Tom Feild	209	2013	Erika Wilson	175	1991
Mike Ostrowski	239	2013	Matt Hafner	208	2013	Matt Wlasniewski	175	2000
Helen Patton	238	2013	Marcia Balestri	206	2013	Jeff Shenot	171	2013
James Wilkinson	237	1990	Byron Swift	205	2010	Dan Haas	169	2013
Hugh Mahanes	235	2003	John Gregoire	204	2005	Paul Zucker	164	1993
Rob Ostrowski	234	2013	Joel Martin	203	2013	Michael Donovan	161	1995

Montgomery County All-time High Year Lists								
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Dave Czaplak	242	2012	Larry Bonham	192	1989	Hans Holbrook	180	2004
Paul O'Brien	229	1991	Rob Ostrowski	190	2009	Dave Powell	180	2003
Jared Fisher	225	2011	Paul O'Brien	190	1989	Jim Green	180	2007
Michael O'Brien	221	1991	Rod Burley	189	2012	Diane Ford	180	2010
Mary Ann Todd	219	2013	Michael Bowen	189	2011	Michael Bowen	180	2008
Andy Martin	219	2009	Michael O'Brien	189	1986	Dave Powell	179	2005
Paul O'Brien	214	1990	Rob Hilton	188	1991	Dave Powell	179	2002
Jim Moore	213	2010	Paul O'Brien	187	1994	Jim Green	178	2009
Andy Martin	211	2005	Larry Bonham	187	1991	Rod Burley	178	2011
Michael O'Brien	208	1990	Larry Bonham	187	1986	Michael Bowen	177	2012
Andy Martin	207	2007	Dave Powell	185	2004	Andy Rabin	177	2000
Mary Ann Todd	206	2012	Mike Ostrowski	184	2011	Rod Burley	176	2006
Mary Ann Todd	203	2011	Michael Bowen	184	2010	Andy Martin	176	2004
Mike Ostrowski	203	2009	Larry Bonham	184	1995	Hugh Mahanes	176	2004
Jared Fisher	202	2012	Edward DeMoll	184	1986	Rod Burley	176	2002
Andy Martin	199	2011	Michael Bowen	181	2013	Jim Green	175	2008
Andy Martin	198	2006	Larry Bonham	181	1992	Mike Ostrowski	175	2012
Mike Ostrowski	196	2010	Larry Bonham	181	1990	Norm Saunders	175	1994
Hugh Mahanes	195	2005	Larry Bonham	181	1987	Rick Sussman	175	1994

Baltimore County

2013 proved to be another exciting year for Baltimore County birders, with several high-profile, long-staying rarities sticking around for thorough enjoyment. More birders than ever were out proactively birding Baltimore and the number of quality finds show this. To begin with, several rarities carried over from 2012, including two birds that seem to have established a pattern of over-wintering annually. The first is Russ Ruffing's **Black-headed Gull**. This bird has been found by Russ for 3 winters in a row, wintering largely at the Hunt Valley Mall. It is sporadically seen at nearby Paper Mill Flats as well. It no doubt is the same bird found by Jon Corcoran in December 2010 at Paper Mill Flats (and then subsequently seen off and on that winter at the flats). If so, this would be the 4th year the bird has wintered in Baltimore.

The second rarity with a re-occurring wintering pattern is the **Harlequin Duck** found by Wendy Crowe at Fort Armistead in December 2012. This bird was again re-found at the end of December at the same location by Ryan Johnson. This may very well be the same bird found by Keith Costley in Jan 2011 as a juvenile at the same location. If so, this would mark the 4th winter for this bird as well. An additional rarity that continued from 2012 was the Loch Raven **Eurasian Wigeon** found on the CBC by John Landers. The bird was seen by many throughout the winter and into early spring. In the late Fall, **Eurasian Wigeon** drakes were again found at Loch Raven Primary Dam by Tim Carney in early November and then behind Pine Ridge Golf Course (Loch Raven) by Taylor McLean in late November.

A continuing rarity of the non-waterfowl origin were the four **Long-eared Owls** found by Keith Costley in early December 2012 at Soldier's Delight. These birds were enjoyed by many and stayed in the same Juniper stand until well into the spring of 2013.

Aside from these continuing rarities, more rarities were waiting to be found after the start of the New Year. On Jan. 3rd, Jon Corcoran found **Common Redpolls**, along with **White-winged Crossbills**, at Fort Howard Park.

The redpolls were long-staying and enjoyed by many throughout January. The Crossbills were more sporadically observed. Both species were dialed in on Sweet Gum seeds. Once these seeds depleted they seemed to move on from the location. A single **Common Redpoll** was observed by John Dennehy at his home feeders in April as well.

Crossbills kept birders excited throughout the winter, as did **Red-breasted Nuthatches**, and to a lesser extent **Pine Siskins**. While the crossbills seemed to vacate the Sweet Gum stands by the end of January, areas with cone-laden conifers continued to host these rare northern visitors. **White-winged Crossbills** were more commonly observed than **Red Crossbills**, but both were observed fairly regularly at Soldier's Delight and Pine Ridge Golf Course.

Not to be out-done by the finches, two rare goose species were found as the winter progressed. The first was a group of seven **Greater White-fronted Geese**, found at the primary dam of Loch Raven by Allan Spradling on Jan. 27th. These birds were long-staying and enjoyed by many birders. A **Greater White-fronted Goose** was found again in November in the same area by Ryan Johnson and Heidi Trasatti. A single bird was also photographed by Richard Coyle at Hydes Road Park in December. The second rare goose was a 1st county record **Ross's Goose** found by Andy Smith at his work place in mid-February. Access was set up so many birders could enjoy this long-staying rarity. The bird was reported until mid-March.

Matt Hafner stole the show of Maryland Birding in early November when he found a **Le Conte's Sparrow** and then a **Clay-colored Sparrow** at Hyde's Road Park. While chasing these birds, Ryan Johnson found a **Nelson's Sparrow** at the same location. These birds were enjoyed by many birders throughout the week. Later in the week Ryan Johnson found an additional **Nelson's Sparrow** at White Marsh Wetlands and Andy Beiberman observed a **Le Conte's Sparrow** at Paper Mill Flats.

In November, a juvenile female **Rufous Hummingbird** was banded at the feeders of Gail Frantz. This bird has been long-staying and has been observed by many. Just as it seemed the year would be winding down for high-profile long-staying Baltimore rarities, two more species were found and enjoyed by many in December. The first was part of a historic **Snowy Owl** invasion. In early December, Jim Peters found a bird that was briefly observed at Fort McHenry. Shortly thereafter Brent Byers found a female at North Point SP. This bird was only seen for one day, but was enjoyed by many birders. Up to five **Snowy Owls** have taken up winter residency at Hart-Miller Island this winter. The second rarity of December is the continuing three **Sandhill Cranes** observed along Bradshaw Rd. These birds were also observed by many happy birders. A single Sandhill Crane fly-over was observed at Soldier's Delight by Tim Houghton.

While 2013 was an exceptional year for high-profile, long-staying rarities in Baltimore, there were other rare birds observed that either didn't stick around for many to observe, or were considered more as county rarities, not state rarities. For the second year in a row, all three **Scoters** were recorded in the county. Scoters are considered to be semi-annual rarities in Baltimore, so the fact that all three were observed is quite notable. The last scoter to fall was the Surf, on Dec. 14th, when Jon Corcoran observed four **Surf Scoters** and four **Black Scoters** in the Patapsco River on the CBC. In March, single **Red-necked Grebes** (missed in 2012) were observed at Fort Armistead by Jim Wilkinson and at Loch Raven by Kevin Graff.

Great Cormorants were reported off and on from Fort Howard in January and February, concentrated mainly on the distant lighthouses and buoys on the main bay. A single **American White Pelican** was observed as a fly-over by Kye Jenkins, Kevin Graff, and Bob Ringler at Hart-Miller Island on Sep. 16. A **Brown Pelican** was observed by Kathy Calvert at North Point SP on Apr. 21. While this species is common on the Atlantic Coast of Worcester and St. Mary's, it is quite rare this far up the bay. On Aug. 13, Mark Johnson found a **Tricolored Heron** at North Point State Park's Black Marsh. This bird was observed through mid-September.

A **Swallow-tailed Kite** was observed by Frode Jacobsen and Jon Corcoran at North Point SP on Apr. 13. This coveted state rarity was again observed a week later by Lin Just at the same location. The bird was not relocated again. **Golden Eagles** were observed at several locations, including Hart-Miller Island by Kevin Graff and Bob Ringler in February, Frode Jacobsen at his home sky watch in April, Kevin Graff at his home Hawk watch and at Irvine Nature center by Keith Costley in November. Only one migrant **Mississippi Kite** was reported in the county this year. That bird was an adult found by Kevin Graff at Masonville. Frode Jacobsen's home sky watch yielded two additional coveted raptors: a **Rough-legged Hawk** in March and juvenile **Northern Goshawk** in November.

In August an **American Avocet** was found at Paper Mill Flats by Kye Jenkins. This bird only showed for one day, but was seen and photographed by several. Those willing to scan through hundreds of Bonaparte's Gulls with due diligence always have a shot at finding one of the annual but scarce migrant **Little Gulls** at Back River. This April was no exception with several birders reporting sightings of Little Gull at Back River. An **Iceland Gull** was reported by Kevin Graff at Eastern Landfill in January. On June 5, Vincent De Santis and David Bent observed four **Black Terns** at Marshy Point Nature Center. This is another bird that is not a state rarity but is very difficult to find in the county. **Royal Tern** is similar; a single adult was observed in the Patapsco Harbor by Jon Corcoran in July and two sightings occurred on Hart-Miller Island during the summer.

A **Short-eared Owl** was observed by Keith Costley at Irvine Nature Center in March and a **Northern Saw-whet Owl** was found at the same locale by Frode Jacobsen earlier in January. A rare migrant passerine **Golden-winged Warbler** was found at Cromwell Valley Park by Tim Carney in late-August. This was possibly the pinnacle highlight of a historic Fall Migration at Cromwell Valley Park. A week later one bird was found at the same locale by Joe Hanfman. Birders flocked to Cromwell for the entire fall migration. The furious action started with reports of **Olive-sided Flycatcher**, then **Golden-winged Warblers**, **Black-billed Cuckoo**, and **Connecticut** and **Mourning Warblers** were soon to follow. 144 species were recorded during Fall Migration at Cromwell this year and 31 Warbler species were detected in fall at the park. Among the avian highlights were showings of **Red-headed Woodpecker**, and **Gray-cheeked Thrush**.

Two generally scarce warbler species were found at multiple locales this year - migrant **Orange-crowned Warblers** were found at Southwest Area Park, Fort Howard, Wilson Point Park, and Gwynn Falls. Sightings for this species occurred in winter, spring, and fall. 2013 didn't disappoint for numbers of fall migrant **Connecticut Warblers** either. Birds were observed throughout September into mid-October. Most sightings occurred at Cromwell, but the first was reported by Keith Costley at Soldier's Delight. The scarce migrant **Mourning Warbler** was found at Cromwell Valley Park in the spring by Sean Stewart and in the fall by Tim Carney.

Summer Tanager, another bird that is generally rare in the county, was also reported at several locales this year. Most were migrant observations, including a spring observation by Tim Carney and Ryan Johnson at Holt Park and a fall observation by Kathy Calvert at Milford Mill Park. On June 23, Bill Hubick, Jim Brighton, and Dan Small found a potential breeder at Soldier's Delight. Soldier's Delight was at one time more reliable for this species, but sightings have been far more sporadic in recent years there. Wrapping the one-day wonder notable birds was a migrant **Dickcissel** observed by Frode Jacobsen in September at his home sky watch.

In breeding birds, a major hit again was the **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** Rookery at Jones Falls. The birds were first reported for the year on Mar, 16 by Tim Carney, Heidi Trasatti, and Dante Trasatti. One of our largely declining nightjars, **Eastern Whip-poor-will**, continues to breed at Soldier's Delight. This species has been in steep decline in our region and is surely not taken for granted by local birders.

Diligent birders once again persevered and found scarce nesters such as **Veery**, **Worm-eating Warbler**, **Prothonotary Warbler**, **Kentucky Warbler**, **Yellow-throated Warbler** and **Hooded Warbler** in Baltimore

County. These species have specialized habitat requirements and have declined substantially as local breeders in recent decades. The true gem of breeders is the **Cerulean Warbler**. One was found during a breeding bird survey by Tim Houghton in June at a historic nesting site within Patapsco Valley SP. Spring migrants were also found by Tim Carney and Frank Morgan. Scarce grassland breeders were also found during the summer. Several species included **Grasshopper Sparrow**, **Horned Lark**, and **Eastern Meadowlark**.

Away from the mainland, Kevin Graff and Bob Ringler continued to conduct weekly surveys on Hart-Miller Island. This ongoing conservation success story regularly host's species that are rare in the county, but also birds that are often rare in the state. Among the notable birds the Island hosted this year are American White Pelican, American Avocet, probably breeding Black-necked Stilts, Black-bellied Plover, **American Golden-Plover**, **Willet**, **Marbled Godwit**, **Ruddy Turnstone**, **Stilt Sandpiper**, **Sanderling**, **Dunlin**, **Baird's Sandpiper**, **White-rumped Sandpiper**, **Pectoral Sandpiper**, **Short-billed Dowitcher**, **Long-billed Dowitcher**, **Royal Tern**, **Snowy Owl**, **Lapland Longspur**, **Snow Bunting**, and a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** that carried over from 2012.

Listing Hank Kaestner's 333 sits atop the Life List category, 11 ahead of Bob Ringler's 321. Kevin Graff's 271 Year List was six shy of his record-breaking year in 2012. There are no Big Days in the database for Baltimore County.

Baltimore County Life Lists (358 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Hank Kaestner	333	2012	Bill Hubick	255	2013	Kathy Calvert	213	2013
Bob Ringler	321	2013	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	Derek Hudgins	210	2013
Edward Boyd	315	2012	Jon Corcoran	250	2013	Mark Hoffman	210	2011
Rick Blom	308	1999	Lou Nielsen	249	2013	Steve Collins	207	2013
Debbie Terry	306	2013	Elaine Hendricks	246	2013	Dave Perry	207	2013
Robert Dixon	295	1993	David Walbeck	246	2002	Pete Webb	207	1989
Kye Jenkins	292	2013	James Wilkinson	246	1990	Marcia Balestri	205	2013
Keith Eric Costley	288	2013	Tim Carney	241	2013	Ron Gutberlet	205	2013
Peggy Bohanan	285	1991	Jim Green	239	2013	Leanne Pemburn	205	1995
Joel Martin	282	2013	Hans Holbrook	238	2009	Mark Pemburn	205	1995
Joe Hanfman	282	2013	Dave Powell	237	2013	J.B. Churchill	200	2013
Stephen Simon	277	1992	Marshall Iliff	236	2011	Mike Burchett	194	2013
David Holmes	271	1994	Joe Turner	233	2011	Marcia Watson	193	2006
Shirley Geddes	270	2002	Dave Harvey	230	2007	George Jett	192	2013
Eddie Slaughter	265	2000	Dan Haas	226	2013	Diane Ford	190	2013
John Hubbell	264	2013	Marion Mudd	226	2011	Clifton Barry	189	1990
Elliot Kirschbaum	263	2013	Tomas Dahlen	224	2012	Rod Burley	187	2013
Leslie Starr	262	2013	Jeff Culler	221	2013	Fred Fallon	187	2013
Taylor McLean	260	2007	Jim Brighton	219	2013	Fred Shaffer	183	2013
Matt Hafner	259	2013	Michael O'Brien	218	1999	Lynn Davidson	183	1998
Stan Arnold	257	2011	Nico Sarbanes	214	2009	Rob Ostrowski	178	2013

Baltimore County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Kevin Graff	277	2012	Bob Ringler	203	1987	David Walbeck	182	1989
Kevin Graff	271	2013	Tim Carney	202	2012	Joe Hanfman	179	2013
Rick Blom	265	1977	Keith Eric Costley	200	2008	John Dennehy	179	2009
Kevin Graff	253	2009	Bob Ringler	197	2007	Jim Stasz	178	1992
Kevin Graff	253	2011	David Walbeck	195	1991	Stan Arnold	177	2009
Kevin Graff	251	2010	Peggy Bohanan	195	1990	Kye Jenkins	177	1991
Kevin Graff	243	2008	Shirley Geddes	194	1989	Hans Holbrook	176	2005
Kevin Graff	241	2007	Elliot Kirschbaum	193	2003	Shirley Geddes	176	1988
Kevin Graff	235	2006	Leslie Starr	192	2012	Lou Nielsen	173	2006
Jon Corcoran	230	2012	Joe Hanfman	191	2012	Leslie Starr	172	2009
Keith Eric Costley	230	2012	Joe Hanfman	189	2010	Nico Sarbanes	171	2009
Tim Carney	227	2013	Jim Stasz	189	2005	Dave Powell	170	2001
Bob Ringler	226	1986	Clifton Barry	189	1990	Benjamin DeHaven	169	2013
Keith Eric Costley	223	2013	Leslie Starr	188	2013	Bill Hubick	167	2005
Bob Ringler	220	2012	Kye Jenkins	188	2006	Peggy Bohanan	167	1991
Kevin Graff	219	2005	Stephen Simon	188	1986	Shirley Geddes	167	1987
Bob Ringler	218	2013	David Walbeck	186	1990	Joe Hanfman	166	2011
Peggy Bohanan	215	1989	Leslie Starr	185	2011	Shirley Geddes	166	1991
Kye Jenkins	212	2012	Bob Ringler	185	2006	Joe Turner	165	2010
Kevin Graff	212	2004	Stan Arnold	184	2005	Steve Collins	165	2008
Kye Jenkins	207	2011	Jim Stasz	183	2012	Marcia Watson	164	2006
Pete Webb	207	1989	Stan Arnold	183	2004	John Hubbell	163	2003
Robert Dixon	205	1993	Leslie Starr	183	2010	Shirley Geddes	163	2000

Cecil County

2013 got off with a strong start due in part to a poor pine cone crop in Canada and the northern States. With 229 species reported for 2013, the numbers slightly dropped from the banner year of 2012 with 245 species reported.

Winter finches could be found throughout Cecil County all winter long. **White-winged Crossbills** continued to be found at Bitter Sweet Golf Course in Elkton Jan. 1 (Sean McCandless). **Black-capped Chickadee's** had an eruption year as well and could be found throughout the majority of the county. An **Orange-crowned Warbler** was discovered in Elkton on Jan. 3 (Sean McCandless) and relocated by Jim Stasz a couple days later. Brian Moyer found a **Snow Bunting** near Port Deposit on Jan. 5. Lin Just found an **Iceland Gull** at North East Town Park on Feb. 7. A **Greater White-fronted Goose** was discovered on the pond at Bitter Sweet Golf Course just behind Brantwood Deli on Feb. 18 (Sean McCandless) and then relocated throughout the winter months by many including Mark Johnson who photographed it at Elk River Park.

Later in February, a **Common Redpoll** was observed on the 24th at Bitter Sweet Golf Course (Sean McCandless). Bethel Wildlife Management Area held great numbers of waterfowl through the winter and into the spring. Highlights include good numbers of Pintail, Green-winged Teal, Gadwall, Redheads, and Canvasbacks (Matthew Addicks, Sean McCandless). Very early **Tree Swallows** were discovered on the Susquehanna River north of Port Deposit by Mark Johnson on Feb. 23. The first **Horned Grebe** of the year was picked up by Chris Starling at Bethel WMA on Mar. 1. An adult **Little Gull** and **Black-headed Gull** were discovered on the Susquehanna River on Mar. 18 by Joshua Emm, and then relocated and photographed a

day later by Sean McCandless. Marshall McSorley picked up the first **Little-blue Herons** of the season on Apr. 2 in Elkton.

Moving into summer, an immature **White Ibis** was discovered on July 4 by Mark Johnson in a farm field south of Elkton. On the same date and location, the first of the season **Snowy Egret** was observed by Sean McCandless. Turkey Point continues to be a very reliable place in the fall to find **Red-headed Woodpeckers**; however Joanne Howl found one on July 28! A very hard to find in Cecil County **Cliff Swallow** was found by Graham Davis at Turkey Point on Aug. 5. Three **Black Terns** were found feeding on the Susquehanna Flats Aug. 21 by Sean McCandless. On Aug. 29, Holly Merker reported a **Royal Tern** from Turkey Point. On Sep. 7 the first of the season **Yellow-bellied Flycatcher** was found by Tim Carney. Tim Carney also found the first **Connecticut Warbler** of the fall at Woodlawn WMA on Sep. 8. Elaine Hendricks located an early **Lincoln's Sparrow** at Turkey Point on Sep. 14. Matthew Addicks discovered a **Tri-colored Heron** at Court House Point on Sep. 28.

The Big Sit was held on 10/13. The "Turkey Pointers" had 72 species recorded for the day. Highlights included some late departures such as **Common Nighthawk**, **Great-crested Flycatcher** and **Scarlet Tanager**. A **Red-throated Loon** was also observed and photographed by Sean McCandless on that day. A **Vesper Sparrow** was discovered at Elk River Park on Oct. 18 (Dan Small). Joshua Emm discovered a **Great Cormorant** on the Cecil County side of the Conowingo Dam on Nov. 30.

Laura Balascio continues to do a fantastic job compiling the Elkton Christmas Count results. She reports 21 participants but a non-impressive count of 84 species on December 15th. Highlights include a high count of 326 **Gadwall**, a **Dickcissel** that was relocated at the McCandless home by Phil Powers, and two **Eastern Meadowlarks** found by Joel Citron in southern Cecil County.

Listing Sean McCandless increased his narrow lead in the Life List category by three birds to 281. Sean also established the second-highest all-time Year List with a 222 in 2013. There are no Big Days in the database for Cecil County.

Cecil County Life Lists (322 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Sean McCandless	281	2013	Elaine Hendricks	205	2013	Mike Burchett	163	2013
Jim Stasz	277	2012	Harvey Mudd	205	2011	Helen Patton	163	2013
Marcia Watson	265	2006	Marshall Iliff	203	2011	Jeff Culler	161	2013
Gary Griffith	258	1997	Edward Boyd	197	2012	Dan Small	161	2012
Rick Blom	246	1999	Hans Holbrook	195	2009	George Jett	161	2011
Matt Hafner	242	2013	Stan Arnold	195	2011	Dave Harvey	160	2007
Parke John	241	2008	Ron Gutberlet	184	2013	Rob Ostrowski	159	2013
Leslie Fisher	241	2000	Kathy Calvert	181	2013	Mike Ostrowski	154	2013
Bob Ringler	230	2013	Steve Sanford	181	2007	Dylan Griffith	154	1997
John Hubbell	226	2013	Marion Mudd	179	2011	John Gregoire	152	2005
Bill Hubick	223	2013	John Dennehy	177	2012	David Holmes	151	1994
Kenneth Drier	217	2001	Walter Ellison	172	2010	Tim Carney	149	2013
Jim Brighton	214	2013	John Cupp Sr.	169	1995	Michele Morris	142	1992
Kevin Graff	212	2010	Dave Perry	168	2013	Herb Morris	139	1992
Jim Green	211	2013	Joel Martin	167	2013	Dan Haas	133	2013
Dave Powell	210	2013	Lou Nielsen	167	2013	Lynn Davidson	132	1998
Joe Hanfman	208	2013	Kye Jenkins	165	2013	Timothy McNutt	126	1994

Cecil County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Sean McCandless	225	2012	Jim Stasz	167	1999	John Hubbell	137	2008
Sean McCandless	222	2013	Jim Stasz	166	2012	Stan Arnold	137	2008
Leslie Fisher	221	1999	Parke John	166	2008	Marshall Iloff	136	1992
Marcia Watson	221	1999	Gary Griffith	166	1993	Jim Stasz	134	2011
Sean McCandless	216	2007	Jim Stasz	165	2002	Jim Brighton	134	2005
Gary Griffith	216	1994	Marcia Watson	165	2002	Dave Perry	133	2001
Gary Griffith	214	1996	Kevin Graff	164	2005	Stan Arnold	130	2005
Leslie Fisher	212	2000	Kenneth Drier	164	1996	Walter Ellison	130	2004
Marcia Watson	212	1998	Dave Powell	161	2001	Jim Green	129	2012
Gary Griffith	211	1995	Marcia Watson	161	2004	Dave Powell	129	2000
Sean McCandless	208	2009	Leslie Fisher	157	1994	Joe Hanfman	128	2011
Marcia Watson	204	1997	Kenneth Drier	155	1995	Timothy McNutt	126	1994
Parke John	202	2004	Jim Stasz	153	1992	Edward Boyd	125	2012
Leslie Fisher	200	1998	Marcia Watson	150	2006	Bill Hubick	125	2010
Parke John	199	2007	Hans Holbrook	148	2005	Tim Carney	125	2012
Marcia Watson	198	2001	Kenneth Drier	148	1994	John Hubbell	124	2010
Marcia Watson	197	2000	Elaine Hendricks	145	2012	Jim Stasz	123	2009
Sean McCandless	196	2010	Kevin Graff	143	2006	John Hubbell	122	2005
Parke John	195	2003	Jim Stasz	142	2005	John Hubbell	120	2009
Marcia Watson	195	1996	Joe Hanfman	142	2012	Jim Brighton	120	2010
Parke John	192	2001	Jim Green	140	2009	John Hubbell	119	2011
Marcia Watson	187	2003	John Dennehy	140	2010	Stan Arnold	117	2009
Parke John	186	2002	Jim Green	139	2011	Kevin Graff	114	2007
Parke John	181	2000	Ron Gutberlet	139	2011	Bill Hubick	114	2008
Marcia Watson	173	1995	Parke John	138	2006	Rob Ostrowski	112	2011
Marcia Watson	168	2005	John Cupp Sr.	138	1993	Bill Hubick	111	2011

Harford County

Starting the year, the finch invasion was still going strong with **Pine Siskins** being abundant at some feeders, **Purple Finches** around, and a smattering of enigmatic **White-winged Crossbills**. A **Common Redpoll** showed up the Eastman's feeder in March for two days, joining their young male **Rufous Hummingbird**. The Rufous completed its transition to adult male plumage then took off in early April. However, the real rarity of the winter showed up at the Kirkwood's feeder in March, a young male **Bullock's Oriole**! It was later discovered that this bird was present at a nearby feeder from January to April!

March on the Susquehanna had the seemingly annual adult **Black-headed Gull** and a one day wonder **White-winged Scoter**. A late March snowstorm produced a **Lapland Longspur** at the Bradenbaugh Flats. A migrant **Short-eared Owl** was found at Swan Harbor in early April. Susquehanna State Park was well-covered in May and produced a couple **Mourning Warblers**, two different **Mississippi Kites**, and a rare-off-the-Aberdeen Proving Ground **Summer Tanager**. A **Sandhill Crane** in Darlington was observed by many and Josh Emm found a 2nd county record **Red Phalarope** at Swan Harbor on May 9th.

In summer, **Broad-winged Hawks** were confirmed nesting for the first time in many years. A nest with young was photographed in Broad Creek Scout Camp. Dave Ziolkowski found a pair of **Ring-necked Pheasants** in North Harford, now very rare in the county; these were probably refugees from PA. The first **Yellow-crowned**

Night-Heron seen in the county in many years was seen at Harford Glen on July 14th. Unfortunately that bird didn't hang around, but one at Lakeside Ponds was present for 10 days in September.

Fall migration produced a few **Connecticut Warblers** in late September/early October, a **Nelson's Sparrow** at Swan Harbor on October 4-5th, and a **Red-throated Loon** October 14th on the Gunpowder River. Several flyover **Dickcissels** were recorded from the Bel Air Parking Garage while listening to night migrants, a little surprising for such an inland location.

Lucky for Josh Emm's Big Year, the Harford birding year ended with a bang! First, Dennis Kirkwood found a **Cattle Egret** at Turney's Pond on Nov. 2, then the Harford Bird Club (led by Dennis Kirkwood) found a **Great Cormorant** at Conowingo on Nov. 30. Things really got going in December with the **Snowy Owl** found by Mark Johnson at Hopkins Farm on Dec. 8, **Snow Buntings** found at Swan Harbor by Kurt Schwarz on Dec. 11, a **Rough-legged Hawk** in Pylesville found by Frank Marsden and two **Barnacle Geese** at Swan Harbor found by Dennis Kirkwood on the 19th, and an **Iceland Gull** at Conowingo on the 31st. Overall, there were 243 species seen in the county in 2014, down from 253 last year which can mostly be accounted for by the lack of Hurricane Sandy.

Listing Matt Hafner added six species to his county Life List to move from second to the top of the class with an impressive 292. Rick Blom's astounding 1999 year total of 255 year birds may never be broken; however, Josh Emm did close the previous gap between first and second by three birds. The problem is that was still 23 *birds* short of Rick's incredible record!

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

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

Harford County Life Lists (318 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Matt Hafner	292	2013	Jim Brighton	224	2013	Helen Patton	185	2013
Jim Stasz	288	2012	Elaine Hendricks	224	2013	John Dennehy	182	2012
Dave Webb	284	2013	Kye Jenkins	223	2013	Steve Sanford	181	2007
Rick Blom	284	1999	Tim Carney	217	2013	John Gregoire	181	2005
Dennis Kirkwood	274	2013	Jim Green	211	2013	Jeff Culler	180	2013
John Wortman	273	1997	Harvey Mudd	211	2011	Dave Perry	178	2013
Dave Powell	255	2013	Betsy Bangert	208	2013	Steve Collins	174	2013
Mike Burchett	244	2013	Lou Nielsen	201	2013	Fred Fallon	172	2013
Bob Ringler	244	2013	Matt Anthony	200	2013	Rob Ostrowski	172	2013
Joshua Emm	240	2013	Kathy Calvert	199	2013	John Cupp Jr.	172	1994
John Hubbell	238	2013	Marshall Iliff	199	2011	Mikey Lutmerding	171	2013
Edward Boyd	236	2012	Stan Arnold	196	2011	Marcia Balestri	169	2013
Joe Hanfman	234	2013	Joel Martin	193	2013	Steve Collins	169	2011
John Cupp Sr.	228	1995	Ron Gutberlet	193	2013	Norm Saunders	164	2011
Bill Hubick	227	2013	Hans Holbrook	192	2009	J.B. Churchill	160	2013
Kevin Graff	227	2010	Marion Mudd	190	2011	Mike Ostrowski	158	2013
Bill Pfingsten	226	1996	Leslie Starr	189	2013			

Harford County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Rick Blom	255	1999	Dave Webb	192	1996	John Cupp Jr.	172	1994
Joshua Emm	232	2013	Dennis Kirkwood	191	2013	John Cupp Sr.	172	1994
Matt Hafner	229	2012	Jim Stasz	191	2002	Jim Stasz	170	2006
Matt Hafner	224	2011	John Wortman	190	1997	Bill Pflingsten	169	1989
Dave Webb	224	1995	John Wortman	190	1992	Jim Stasz	168	2004
Matt Hafner	221	2013	Jim Stasz	189	1999	Jim Stasz	168	2008
Dave Webb	221	1994	Bill Hubick	188	2007	Les Eastman	167	1989
Matt Hafner	217	2000	Matt Anthony	186	2013	John Cupp Sr.	166	1990
Matt Hafner	216	1999	Dennis Kirkwood	186	2012	Bill Pflingsten	165	1987
Matt Hafner	213	2005	Dave Webb	186	1991	Dennis Kirkwood	162	1996
Dave Powell	209	2000	John Wortman	185	1993	Joe Hanfman	161	2013
Dave Webb	209	2005	Dave Webb	185	1992	Kevin Graff	159	2007
John Wortman	209	1995	Dennis Kirkwood	182	2011	Dave Powell	159	1998
Dave Webb	208	1999	Dennis Kirkwood	182	1994	Bill Pflingsten	158	1990
Dave Webb	208	1998	Jim Stasz	180	2011	John Wortman	158	1986
Dave Webb	208	1993	Tim Carney	180	2012	Dennis Kirkwood	157	1997
Dave Webb	206	2004	John Wortman	180	1988	Dennis Kirkwood	157	1991
Tim Carney	204	2013	Jim Stasz	178	2012	John Cupp Sr.	155	1993
Matt Hafner	201	2004	Les Eastman	177	1994	Kevin Graff	153	2009
Matt Hafner	200	2006	Dennis Kirkwood	177	1992	Kevin Graff	153	2008
Matt Hafner	200	2002	John Wortman	177	1990	Dave Perry	153	2000
Dave Powell	196	2001	Dennis Kirkwood	175	1990	John Cupp Sr.	153	1991
Dave Webb	195	1997	John Wortman	173	1991	Elaine Hendricks	152	2013
Dave Powell	194	1999	John Cupp Sr.	172	1995	Les Eastman	151	1987

Anne Arundel County

Anne Arundel County experienced another great year filled with notable birds in 2013 with 266 species reported to eBird. Though down slightly from the 274 species eBirded in both 2012 and 2011, last year's total certainly exceeded the 258 species observed in 2010. Without further ado, let's mention some of the fine bird discoveries and highlights from 2013 in taxonomical order.

Snow Geese are annual in the county, but not that easy to find. One bird was observed on numerous occasions at the USNA Dairy Farm in Crownsville, starting on January 2nd (Dan Haas). A **Ross's Goose** was found on April 15th at the (now inaccessible) Crownsville Containment Ponds (Dan Haas), and stuck around long enough for a few birders to tick this MEGA county bird. A **Brant** was observed at Sandy Point SP on January 1st, likely a remnant of Hurricane Sandy (Warren Strobel). Another **Brant** arrived the following fall at the same location. The Fort Armistead **Harlequin Duck** returned to the Northern-most tip of the County and was promptly added to the county list on January 1st. Another **Harlequin Duck** was found at the Southern end of the county on January 14th at Herrington Harbor in Rosehaven. An impressive 19 **White-winged Scoter** were observed at Thomas Point Park on December 11th (Dan Haas). **Common Merganser** can be a tough find in AA, but they were found at Jug Bay on January 4th, rising to a high-count of 16 birds. A **Northern Bobwhite** is now nearly impossible to find in the county, so a sighting on June 24th at a private residence in Pasadena is notable in that the last documented sighting occurred just across the river in 2012 in Cape St. Claire. A **Red-throated Loon** was observed at Downs Park on February 14th (Dan Haas). A **Red-necked Grebe** was discovered at Swan Creek on December 20th (Tim Carney). The **Northern Gannet** show was strong again in

the Bay, with the first sighting occurring on March 3rd from the Southern end of the county (Sherman Suter). **Great Cormorants** made their regular winter appearances on both the Thomas Point and the Baltimore Lighthouses.

An **American White Pelican** was discovered in Jug Bay on February 16th and two more **American White Pelicans** were observed flying over the Fort Smallwood Hawk Watch on April 28th. **Brown Pelicans** (high of 7 birds), were found early in the year at Sandy Point SP. These January 11th birds were likely remnants of Hurricane Sandy. An **American Bittern** was observed from the Fort Smallwood Hawkwatch on April 27th, and on the same day, a **Least Bittern** was discovered at Wooton's Landing (Joanne Howl). A **Tricolored Heron** was discovered at Swan Creek in the mitigated wetlands on August 24th and stayed long enough to be enjoyed by many a Maryland birder (Tim Carney). A **Yellow-crowned Night Heron** was a bit of a surprise at Piney Orchard Preserve in Odenton on May 25th (Timothy Reichard). Swan Creek had a high count of 10 **Little Blue Herons** this year. The first **Glossy Ibis** was observed at Whitehall Marina on April 14th (Penny Zahn), with more reliable sightings occurring in early May at Fort Smallwood's Hawk Watch. At the county's Southern-most point, post-breeding dispersal was in full swing when four **White Ibis** were observed flying over the Bay from a private residence on August 30th (Todd Day).

Any report regarding raptors would be incomplete without mentioning the Fort Smallwood Hawkwatch led by Sue Ricciardi. High counts for each species are as follows: Early in the season, A **Golden Eagle** started things off right with a flyover on March 11th. A few days later, on March 15th, 37 **Red-shouldered Hawks** flew past the point. In April, things really heated up with 45 **Cooper's Hawks**, 84 **Sharp-shinned Hawks** and 59 **Osprey** on April 2nd. Another big day happened on April 7th with 22 **Red-tailed Hawks**, 16 **Northern Harriers** and 69 **American Kestrels**. Two days later, on the 9th, three **Merlins** were the high count for that powerful falcon over the Fort. On May 11th, 18 **Bald Eagles** were the high count for that species and finally, on May 21st, an incredible nine **Mississippi Kites** flew over, much to the delight of Nancy Magnusson, Hal Wierenga and Sue Ricciardi. The Fort Smallwood hawk watching also proved fruitful when two **Sandhill Cranes** flew over on April 23rd (Sue Ricciardi). A **Golden Eagle** was a Jug Bay highlight on Dec. 15th (Robert and Tom Ostrowski).

Swan Creek did not disappoint in 2013. Tim Carney kept a close watch of the impoundments and did a superb job of keeping Maryland birders informed. **Black-necked Stilts** (high-count of 3) arrived on May 18th (Stan Arnold). On Sep. 13th, three **American Golden Plovers** arrived (Fred Shaffer). A **Marbled Godwit** lingered around the impoundments on July 28th (Bill Hubick). **Ruddy Turnstone**, a tough county bird, visited on Aug. 24th (Wayne Baumgartner). **Stilt Sandpipers** arrived in force, with 16 birds visiting on Aug. 1st (Tim Carney). Two **Dunlin** arrived on Apr. 19th (Tim Carney). On June 11th, the first **White-rumped Sandpipers** arrived, with two birds being observed (Bob Ringler). On Sep. 17th, three **Buff-Breasted Sandpipers** paraded around the North Cell (Tim Carney). **Long-billed Dowitcher**, a very difficult bird to find in the county, was found twice at Swan Creek on July 12th (Tim Carney) and Sep. 15th (Bill Hubick). On June 17th, a **Wilson's Phalarope** dropped in (Tim Carney), and a high-count of two **Wilson's Phalarope** arrived on June 19th (John Dennehy).

Shorebirds were found away from Swan Creek as well. For starters, three **Sanderlings** arrived on schedule at Sandy Point SP on May 25th (Dan Haas). **Purple Sandpipers** (high of 16) were found on the jetties at Herrington Harbor in Rosehaven on Jan. 1st (Jim Stasz). High-counts from the Oxbow Preserve came in the form of 80 **Wilson's Snipe** on Mar. 30th and 30 **Pectoral Sandpipers** observed on Nov. 2nd (Marcy Stutzman). Two **American Avocets** landed briefly on the beach pond at Sandy Point on June 17th. An **American Golden Plover** was found on the Pleasant Plains Turf Farm on Sep. 12th (Dan Haas).

A **Little Gull** made an all-too-brief appearance after a storm on the south beach at Sandy Point SP on May 7th (Dan Haas). An **Iceland Gull** was observed at the Annapolis Junction Transfer Station on Jan. 29th (Russ Ruffing), and a **Glaucous Gull** was found at that same western county hotspot on Feb. 11th (Kurt Schwarz). Another **Glaucous Gull** was found at Sandy Point SP on Nov. 22nd (Dan Haas). The first **Lesser-Black Backed Gull** for the county was found at Fort Armistead on Jan. 20th (Keith Eric Costley). A **Black Tern** was

observed flying over the Bay from a private residence very near the Calvert County border on May 26th (Todd Day). A high count of 102 **Caspian Terns** was notable on Sep. 21st at Sandy Point SP (Fred Shaffer).

Snowy Owls captivated hundreds of Marylanders, and not just birders! It truly was a remarkable fall for this species, with their historic invasion into our region. In Anne Arundel, the first **Snowy Owl** was found in the Southern portion of the county, on a boat in Churchton on December 3rd (David Reilly). Likely the same bird was found the next day a short distance to the South near Deale (Leslie Williams). And on Dec. 5th, perhaps the same Snowy Owl was observed in Galesville (Karen Czarnowski). On Dec. 8th, a resident walking her dog on the beach on Gibson Island found and photographed a **Snowy Owl** nestled into some grass on the beach (Molly Newberry). Likely the same bird was relocated and photographed on the Southern tip of Gibson Island on December 11th (Dan Haas). Finally, a **Snowy Owl** was found on the beach by a ranger at Sandy Point State Park, only staying for a few minutes before flying South, on December 26th (Alison Woodfield).

An **Eastern Whip-poor-will** was heard on April 1st at the Patuxent North Tract, with a high count of 6 birds heard on April 15th (Rod Burley). No **Chuck-will's-widows** were observed in the county in 2013. Two **Rufous Hummingbirds** wintered at a St. Margaret's feeder (Dan Haas). Three more **Rufous Hummingbirds** wintered, one in Annapolis and another in Crofton. The third bird was a HY male that arrived in October to a feeder in Severna Park. Perhaps the most notable hummingbird was a **Ruby-throated Hummingbird** that stayed at a feeder in Amberley until January 7th 2014, which was a new county late date (Dan Haas). Fort Smallwood Hawkwatch had both an **Alder** and a **Willow Flycatcher** near the Hawk Watch site on May 16th (Hal Wierenga). **Yellow-bellied Flycatchers** were observed in Jessup on September 8th (Peter Osenton) and another was photographed at Swan Creek on September 15th (Bill Hubick).

It is probable that **Common Ravens** have established a home near Swan Creek, with other birds being observed throughout the year near Fort Meade. A **Snow Bunting** was found at Fort Smallwood on January 12th (Joanne Howl). A **Golden-winged Warbler** was found at Swan Creek on August 13th (Tim Carney). A **Brewster's Warbler** (hybrid) was photographed in St. Margaret's on May 10th (Dan Haas). An **Orange-crowned Warbler** was found at Kinder Farm Park on October 17th (Dan Haas), and a **Connecticut Warbler** was found and photographed at Kinder Farm Park on September 8th (Frode Jacobsen/Dan Haas). A **Mourning Warbler** was detected on May 16th at Stop 6 in a closed-off section of Patuxent (Mikey Lutmerding).

American Tree Sparrows, often difficult to detect in the county, were found in the North Tract at Patuxent on January 1st (Rod Burley). A **Vesper Sparrow** was found at Kinder Farm Park on April 8th (Frode Jacobsen). A **Lark Sparrow** was discovered and photographed at Swan Creek on September 13th (Jared Fisher). A **Nelson's Sparrow** was observed foraging in the short grass near the South beach at Sandy Point SP on November 2nd (Dan Haas). Spring **Lincoln's Sparrows** are not an easy find in the county, so one bird on May 10th at Fort Smallwood is worthy of mention (Nancy Magnusson).

Both **Red** and **White-winged Crossbills** were all the rage in 2013, with many birds being found throughout Anne Arundel. The most reliable locations for most birders were the flocks at Fort Smallwood and the Patuxent North Tract. Most notable were twelve **Red Crossbills** that enjoyed a sunflower feeder at a private residence in Pasadena until May 19th (Vern Sousa). The first **Common Redpolls** of the season were found at a private residence in Pasadena (Virginia Smith). On March 7th, a high-count of seven **Common Redpolls** were observed at Thomas Point Park (Frode Jacobsen/Dan Haas).

Listing Somehow, Hal Wierenga's county Life List was left out of last year's report. It is now restored in the lead position where it belongs, and stands at 310 birds. Tim Carney's 208 birds were tops for the year.

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

Anne Arundel County Life Lists (356 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Hal Wierenga	310	1992	Fred Fallon	246	2013	David Walbeck	216	2002
Jim Stasz	307	2012	Fred Shaffer	244	2013	Kurt Schwarz	210	2013
Dan Haas	298	2013	Edward Boyd	244	2012	Kathy Calvert	209	2013
Stan Arnold	297	2011	Dave Powell	240	2013	Mark Schilling	206	2013
Bill Hubick	281	2013	Hans Holbrook	239	2009	John Dennehy	206	2012
Mark Hoffman	278	2011	Mikey Lutmerding	238	2013	Leslie Starr	205	2013
Marshall Iliff	272	2011	Joel Martin	234	2013	David Kidwell	202	2013
Rod Burley	269	2013	Peter Osenton	233	2013	Jane Fallon	200	2013
J. Tyler Bell	266	2013	Tim Carney	231	2013	Ross Geredien	195	2013
Dave Perry	265	2013	Rob Ostrowski	230	2013	Ron Gutberlet	195	2013
Dotty Mumford	262	2006	Jeff Shenot	229	2013	Paul Nistico	194	2005
Joe Hanfman	261	2013	Harvey Mudd	226	2011	Helen Patton	193	2013
Lynn Davidson	260	1998	Kevin Graff	226	2010	Arlene Ripley	192	2006
Bob Ringler	258	2013	Phil Davis	225	2013	Mike Ostrowski	190	2013
Rick Blom	258	1999	Jim Green	224	2013	Burton Alexander	190	2000
Matt Hafner	257	2013	Phil Davis	224	2011	Shirley Geddes	188	2002
John Hubbell	257	2013	John Gregoire	223	2005	Michael O'Brien	187	1999
Warren Strobel	253	2013	Al Haury	223	2005	Jeff Culler	182	2013
Elaine Hendricks	248	2013	Jim Brighton	216	2013	Michael Bowen	182	2013

Anne Arundel County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Stan Arnold	260	2011	Rod Burley	206	2000	Rod Burley	179	1995
Dan Haas	258	2012	Dave Perry	206	1997	Rob Ostrowski	177	2011
Hal Wierenga	258	1976	Marshall Iliff	206	1990	J. Tyler Bell	177	2008
Dan Haas	254	2011	Dave Perry	205	1996	Warren Strobel	173	2011
Stan Arnold	248	2010	Lynn Davidson	205	1991	Jim Stasz	172	2002
Stan Arnold	246	2009	Tim Carney	204	2012	Bill Hubick	172	2009
Dan Haas	238	2009	Rod Burley	204	2001	Kevin Graff	172	2009
Mark Hoffman	233	1976	Bill Hubick	203	2010	Dave Perry	172	2006
Mark Hoffman	231	1975	Rod Burley	203	1999	Rod Burley	171	1997
Jim Stasz	229	1992	Bill Hubick	199	2013	Dotty Mumford	171	1988
Dan Haas	227	2010	Jim Stasz	198	2012	Marshall Iliff	170	1991
Marshall Iliff	219	1992	Jim Stasz	196	2011	Edward Boyd	167	2012
Bill Hubick	218	2011	Dave Perry	196	1999	Rob Ostrowski	167	2010
Rod Burley	218	2006	Rod Burley	196	1996	Joe Hanfman	165	2009
Rod Burley	217	2012	Bill Hubick	195	2007	Warren Strobel	164	2013
Rod Burley	217	2004	Dotty Mumford	188	1994	Stan Arnold	164	2005
Bill Hubick	213	2012	Bill Hubick	187	2008	Stan Arnold	163	2004
Mikey Lutmerding	211	2008	Stan Arnold	185	2008	Kevin Graff	162	2008
Rod Burley	211	2005	Stan Arnold	185	2000	Rob Ostrowski	161	2012
Rod Burley	211	2003	Warren Strobel	184	2012	Joe Hanfman	161	2010
Rod Burley	209	2008	Dotty Mumford	184	1992	Dave Perry	161	2000
Rod Burley	209	2002	Dotty Mumford	184	1990	Fred Shaffer	158	2012
Tim Carney	208	2013	Marshall Iliff	184	1989	John Hubbell	158	2010
Dan Haas	208	2008	Joe Hanfman	181	2012	J. Tyler Bell	158	2009
Warren Strobel	207	2009	Rod Burley	181	1998	Joe Hanfman	156	2011
Rod Burley	206	2011	Dotty Mumford	180	1989	John Hubbell	155	2013

Prince George's County

Birders reported at least 248 species in Prince George's in 2013, with the top bird being a first cycle **Little Gull** found by Tom Ostrowski Dec. 16 at Bladensburg Waterfront Park. Waterfowl were well represented with 30 species tallied; Wallace Kornack found the only **Eurasian Wigeon** on Nov. 14 in Piscataway Creek, and Mikey and Jo Anna Lutmerding found a male **Eurasian Green-winged (Common) Teal** at Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (PWRC) on Mar. 15. Sea ducks were as scarce as ever in the county, with a single **Surf Scoter** found by Claire Nemes at Cash Lake on Oct. 29, two **White-winged Scoters** found by Fred Shaffer at Piscataway Creek Boardwalk on Feb. 6, and a single **Long-tailed Duck** heard calling by Jeff Shenot as it winged its way north over his house on Mar. 31.

Northern Bobwhite continues to decline with singles reported by Fred Shaffer and Paul Pisano on June 23 at Mellwood Road and July 27 in Bowie, respectively. Raptors had a good showing highlighted by a single **Golden Eagle** found by Rob and Tom Ostrowski on Dec. 15. Presumably hot on the heels of the 17 year Cicadas, two **Mississippi Kites** were found by Mikey Lutmerding - one on June 8 along Croom Road and another that flew low over his office window at PWRC on June 11. Perhaps the rarest of the raptors for the year was a light morph **Rough-legged Hawk** spotted by George Jett on Feb. 2 as it flew over Route 295 near Oxen Cove. **Sandhill Cranes** had a strong showing with multiple individuals reported; the first came from Jane Chandler on Jan. 1 of the pair that had taken up residence with the captive cranes at PWRC. She again found a (the??) pair on Dec. 16. Tom Ostrowski found two on May 6 at Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary, and had an incredible 29 flyover on Dec. 13 at Bladensburg Waterfront Park.

Nineteen species of shorebirds were tallied in the county highlighted by two **American Avocets** on July 11 viewed in Maryland airspace from Hunting Creek, Virginia by Mikey Lutmerding, with another viewed under similar circumstances on Aug. 4 by Jeff Shenot. Dave Powell and Clive Harris found a trio of **Stilt Sandpipers** and a single **White-rumped Sandpiper** on Sep. 13 at Brown Station recycle pond. **Baird's Sandpipers** were found by Mikey Lutmerding on Aug. 28 in a field near Clinton and Sep. 11 at Brown Station recycle pond. Gulls were a bit sparse this year though the quality made up for the low quantity. Fred Shaffer found the only **Franklin's Gull** as it commuted overhead at Schoolhouse Pond on Nov. 4. A smattering of **Iceland Gulls**, totaling 3-4 individuals, were found in various locales by Fred Shaffer, Clive Harris, Mikey Lutmerding, and Dave Mozurkewich. Tom Ostrowski found a **Least Tern** on July 4 in Greenbelt and by July 21 the number had doubled with regular observations in the interim. A single **Black Tern** flew down the Potomac on Aug. 12 as witnessed by Mikey Lutmerding.

Spurred on by sightings of **Short-eared Owls** from Danny Bystrak in Anne Arundel County, Jo Anna and Mikey Lutmerding watched the marsh at Merkle Wildlife Sanctuary on Mar. 22 and were rewarded with a vocal individual at dusk. While the **Olive-sided Flycatcher** did not return to its favored perch at Governor's Bridge, the species still had a good showing with at least three separate individuals found by Michel Cavigelli, Mikey Lutmerding, and Rob Ostrowski. Always interesting away from known breeding locations, Cliff Swallows were found at Jug Bay on Apr. 4 by Danny Bystrak, another on Apr. 9 at Schoolhouse Pond by Fred Shaffer, and one at National Colonial Farm on May 19 by the Ostrowski brothers.

Sedge Wrens were found in the southern end of the county with the first on Feb. 12 at Aquasco Farm and another on Feb. 22 from Milltown Landing, by Mikey Lutmerding and Joel Martin respectively. Thirty-four species of warbler (if you consider Yellow-breasted Chat a warbler!) were found in the county, highlighted by two **Golden-winged Warblers** found by Rod Burley and Mikey Lutmerding. **Seventeen+(!!!) Connecticut Warblers** were found by Michel Cavigelli, Mark Hoffman, Mikey Lutmerding, Rob Ostrowski, Tom Ostrowski, Fred Shaffer, Jeff Shenot, and the banding station at PWRC. A total of three **Mourning Warblers** were found by Mikey Lutmerding and Rob Ostrowski.

Sparrow highlights included an exceptional **Clay-colored Sparrow** found by Rob Ostrowski on Oct. 9 in College Park that stayed for a few days, affording many their county tick; a single **Nelson's Sparrow** found by Mikey Lutmerding behind the Bowie horse track on Oct. 17; and a **Lincoln's Sparrow** that wintered at PWRC that was last seen in early March. Remarkable **Painted Bunting** sightings were an adult male found by Linda Weir on July 6 that lingered into August, and another "green" bird found by Tom Ostrowski on Dec. 12 that lingered into 2014. **Dickcissels** were found at Selby's Landing by Mikey Lutmerding on Sep.14, and at Milltown Landing by Jo Anna Lutmerding on Sep. 22. Winter finches continued through the early part of the year with many **White-winged Crossbill** reports, a handful of **Red Crossbills**, and a couple of **Common Redpolls** from all corners of the county.

Listing Fred Shaffer stands atop the county's Life List heap at 284, having added one bird to his list in the past year. Mikey Lutmerding's 235 birds was a good effort but a few short of his 2012 attempt at John Gregoire's now 29-year old Year List record of 243. There are two Big Days in the database for Prince George's County, both attempts in May.

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

Prince George's County Life Lists (335 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Fred Shaffer	284	2013	Bill Hubick	223	2013	Jim Brighton	195	2013
Jim Stasz	280	2012	Dave Perry	220	2013	Wain Barnes	192	2003
Mikey Lutmerding	278	2013	Dave Powell	218	2013	Joel Martin	190	2013
Jeff Shenot	275	2013	Hans Holbrook	218	2009	J.B. Churchill	189	2013
Fred Fallon	273	2013	Jim Green	214	2013	Kevin Graff	185	2010
Rob Ostrowski	263	2013	Marshall Iliff	213	2011	Helen Patton	184	2013
John Gregoire	262	2005	Greg Kearns	213	1990	Phil Davis	181	2013
Rod Burley	258	2013	George Jett	212	2013	Warren Strobel	180	2013
Jane Fallon	255	2013	Matt Hafner	211	2013	Edward Boyd	179	2012
David Mozurkewich	251	2004	Harvey Mudd	207	2011	Kathy Calvert	177	2013
Joe Hanfman	248	2013	Dan Haas	205	2013	David Kidwell	177	2013
Peter Osenton	245	2013	Stan Arnold	205	2011	Steve Sanford	175	2007
John Hubbell	242	2013	Michael Donovan	201	1995	John Dennehy	174	2012
Elaine Hendricks	238	2013	Derek Richardson	199	2013	Dotty Mumford	172	2006
Rick Blom	237	1999	Lynn Davidson	199	1998	Ron Gutberlet	170	2013
Paul Nistico	233	2005	Tom Ostrowski	198	2009	Michael Bowen	169	2013
Bob Ringler	228	2013	Rob Hilton	196	2013	Leslie Starr	168	2013
Mike Ostrowski	223	2013	Clifford Comeau	196	2011	Dave Harvey	167	2007

Prince George's County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
John Gregoire	243	1984	Fred Shaffer	210	2002	Fred Shaffer	190	2006
Mikey Lutmerding	240	2012	Jeff Shenot	209	2013	Rod Burley	190	2001
John Gregoire	238	1985	Rob Ostrowski	209	2013	Tom Ostrowski	185	2009
Mikey Lutmerding	235	2013	Rob Ostrowski	209	2009	Rod Burley	183	2000
Fred Shaffer	235	2010	Rod Burley	208	2005	Jim Stasz	180	1992
Jeff Shenot	229	2010	Rod Burley	208	2002	Fred Shaffer	179	2000
Rob Ostrowski	225	2010	Jeff Shenot	207	2009	Mike Ostrowski	173	2007
Rob Ostrowski	223	2011	Rod Burley	206	2004	Mike Ostrowski	171	2009
Jeff Shenot	223	2011	Rod Burley	205	2008	Joe Hanfman	171	2010
Fred Shaffer	219	2004	Rod Burley	205	2003	Rob Ostrowski	170	2008
Fred Shaffer	216	2013	Rod Burley	204	2011	Dave Perry	168	1999
Fred Shaffer	216	2011	Fred Shaffer	204	2005	Rob Ostrowski	165	2007
Rod Burley	214	2012	Fred Shaffer	204	2001	Elaine Hendricks	165	2007
Fred Shaffer	213	2009	Fred Shaffer	202	2003	Mike Ostrowski	164	2011
John Gregoire	212	1986	Fred Shaffer	201	2012	Bill Hubick	164	2009
Jeff Shenot	211	2012	Fred Shaffer	200	2007	Jim Stasz	162	2002
Rod Burley	211	2006	Fred Shaffer	197	2008	Jim Stasz	162	1999
John Gregoire	211	1983	Jeff Shenot	197	2008	Mike Ostrowski	161	2010
Rob Ostrowski	210	2012	Derek Richardson	196	2010	Rod Burley	161	1999

Calvert County

There were 235 species reported to eBird for Calvert County in 2013. One of the biggest hits was the **Sandhill Crane** (aka "Oscar") which had become a regular in the Huntingtown area since November, continued through the new year until mid-March, seen and photographed by many birders. The Crossbill invasion which swept over most of the state apparently stopped short of Calvert County, with none(!) being reported here. On the other hand, several **Common Redpolls** made it this far south, with scattered one-time sightings in the last week of January, and then appearing regularly at the King's Landing Park office starting Jan. 26 and continuing for several days (Tom Harten). Tom and his staff graciously opened their office to many visitors who thus saw their first county Common Redpoll in indoor comfort. A few days later, Tom found a **White-winged Dove** on Feb. 1 while on business at Ann-Marie Gardens in Solomon's Island, where it was seen by only a few before it disappeared for good but not at least before it was photographed.



White-winged Dove – Solomon's Island
Fred Fallon

A **Harlequin Duck**, probably the same that was first seen in near-by Anne Arundel County three weeks earlier, was first seen in Calvert at North Beach on Feb. 26 by Jim Moore, then lost again. Recovered on Feb. 28 by Fred Fallon, it was then seen by many in the next few days just off-shore at various points up and down the coastline. A **Mississippi Kite** was spotted by Tony Barbour at the Chesapeake Hills Golf Course on July 25, but not found the next day or thereafter. A surprise **Saw-whet Owl** responded to a chance whistle in the Fallon's driveway on the night of Oct. 20.

One of the first of many **Snowy Owls** that invaded Maryland in December was first reported by a home-owner near Dare's Beach. Andy Brown made arrangements to control the expected flow of visitors into the secluded

area, so that many birders over a period of days were able to see the owl without disturbance to the owl or the neighbors. Photos of the snowy perched atop a tractor became almost iconic and graced many a local paper. But by Dec. 7 the owl had abandoned the site, not to return. Perhaps this owl, or separate individuals, was seen subsequently at various spots from Broome's Island to Benedict - never for more than a day at each, nor ever at two sites at once - from time to time through the end of the year.

On the Dec. 15 Jug Bay Christmas Bird Count, Gene Scarpulla and Marcia Watson spotted an incredible **Western Grebe** with two **Red-necked Grebes** off North Beach. Unfortunately, none of these birds was recovered in subsequent days despite frequent attempts. The continuing expansion of habitat on Poplar Island, 10 miles off North Beach, may account for the appearance of **Purple Sandpipers** in the North Beach area in recent winters. **Common** and **Least Terns** seen there during the summer probably arise from breeding colonies on the same island.

Listing Jim Stasz's last reported Life List total in his home county is 311 and the next closest is James Tyler Bell, 30 birds in the rear view mirror. Jim also holds the top Year List of 233, achieved way back in 1992. That number was not seriously challenged by anyone in 2013.

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

Calvert County Life Lists (328 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	311	2012	Joe Hanfman	220	2013	George Jett	194	2013
J. Tyler Bell	281	2013	Jim Brighton	216	2013	Kevin Graff	191	2010
Edward Boyd	250	2012	Stan Arnold	215	2011	Hans Holbrook	190	2009
Arlene Ripley	250	2006	Rick Blom	214	1999	Rod Burley	189	2013
Sue Hamilton	243	2003	Matt Hafner	213	2013	Kathy Calvert	184	2013
John Hubbell	242	2013	Jim Green	213	2013	Dotty Mumford	183	2006
Fred Fallon	239	2013	Mikey Lutmerding	212	2013	John Dennehy	179	2012
Leslie Starr	237	2013	Kyle Rambo	210	2008	Ron Gutberlet	179	2013
Marshall Iliff	233	2011	Dave Powell	209	2013	Phil Davis	177	2013
John Gregoire	233	2005	Dave Perry	206	2013	Rob Ostrowski	177	2013
Jane Kostenko	231	2013	Patty Craig	206	2011	Paul Nistico	172	2005
Joe Turner	231	2011	Harvey Mudd	201	2011	Joel Martin	166	2013
Bill Hubick	230	2013	Elaine Hendricks	199	2013	Marion Mudd	165	2011
Jane Fallon	228	2013	Helen Patton	195	2013	Mike Ostrowski	163	2013
Bob Ringler	224	2013	Dan Haas	194	2013	Steve Sanford	160	2007

Calvert County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	233	1992	Leslie Starr	169	2013	Joe Hanfman	133	2011
Jim Stasz	231	1989	J. Tyler Bell	169	2012	Joe Turner	132	2011
John Gregoire	221	1984	Dave Perry	164	2001	Jared Satchell	131	2011
Jim Stasz	218	1991	Stan Arnold	161	2008	Jim Green	130	2011
Jim Stasz	212	1990	John Hubbell	161	2007	Dave Powell	130	2007
Jim Stasz	212	1987	Rod Burley	161	2001	Joe Hanfman	129	2013
Jim Stasz	209	1986	Bill Hubick	160	2008	George Jett	129	1992
Jim Stasz	206	1988	J. Tyler Bell	158	2010	Ron Gutberlet	129	2010
Arlene Ripley	205	2004	Rod Burley	157	2002	Mike Ostrowski	129	2011
Arlene Ripley	202	2005	Jim Stasz	155	2012	Joe Turner	129	2009
Arlene Ripley	198	2000	Dave Perry	153	1999	Ron Gutberlet	128	2011
Arlene Ripley	196	2003	John Hubbell	152	2010	Leslie Starr	128	2009
Sue Hamilton	193	2000	John Hubbell	151	2013	Leslie Starr	127	2011
Jim Stasz	192	1998	Hans Holbrook	151	2005	Rob Ostrowski	125	2010
Arlene Ripley	186	2002	Jim Stasz	150	2007	J. Tyler Bell	124	2009
Sue Hamilton	184	2003	J. Tyler Bell	150	2011	Jim Stasz	120	2004
J. Tyler Bell	182	2008	Bill Hubick	146	2011	Joe Hanfman	119	2010
J. Tyler Bell	182	2003	Bill Hubick	146	2007	Jim Green	118	2012
Jim Stasz	180	2002	Leslie Starr	145	2010	John Hubbell	118	2008
Fred Fallon	180	2009	Kevin Graff	142	2008	Jim Stasz	117	2005
Sue Hamilton	179	1999	Jim Stasz	141	2000	Joe Hanfman	115	2009
Sue Hamilton	174	1998	Jim Green	141	2008	Joe Hanfman	113	2012
J. Tyler Bell	172	2013	Joe Turner	138	2010	George Jett	110	1998
Jim Stasz	172	2011	Rob Ostrowski	137	2011	Jim Brighton	109	2010
Jim Stasz	170	1999	John Hubbell	137	2011	Elaine Hendricks	108	2013
Dave Perry	170	2011	John Hubbell	135	2004	Bill Hubick	108	2010
Sue Hamilton	170	1995	Leslie Starr	134	2012	Bill Hubick	108	2006

Charles County

Perhaps the best record for 2013 in Charles County was a hatch-year **Rufous Hummingbird** in La Plata at Jan Ivie's house. Bruce Peterjohn and David Holmes banded the bird on Feb. 10. The bird arrived in middle October of 2012, and stayed around until Apr. 7, 2013. This record did not make it into the eBird data base, but I (George Jett) will correct that soon.

Other highlights included Dave Perry's find of a **Cackling Goose** at Morgantown on Jan. 2. Three different parties found lingering **Mute Swans** at the Port Tobacco Marina, Cedar Point WMA, and Swan Point Road. This species is harder to find since DNR did some culling of this invasive species. Tundra Swan were mostly concentrated on the western side of the county between Smallwood S.P. and the upper Mattawoman before Mason Springs. Another collection was at the historical location of Swan Point south of Morgantown.

Twenty-five species of ducks were reported on eBird including **Redhead**. This is a typical year for the waterfowl that normally collect in our region. The Redheads are one of the least-found waterfowl species in Charles County. On two separate occasions in January, Jim Stasz and Dave Perry found birds at Smallwood S.P. Stasz also reported a Ring-necked X Redhead Hybrid from the same location.

Common Loon were reported from March to May with the last being reported on the May Count by Mike Callahan from Cobb Neck. Two reports were filed for **Red-throated Loon**, one by Perry at Cedar Point WMA and one by Jim Green from Cobb Island. Cobb Island is also a great place to look for all the scoters, Long-tailed Ducks, and Goldeneye. In March, when the winds are blowing up the Potomac, look for Gannet here.

The only eBird report of **Northern Bobwhite** was west of La Plata on the Lines Farm. Jack Kennedy reported 2 birds on Feb. 18. There is still a small population on private property in the Allen's Fresh region. **Wild Turkeys** continue to hold on in Charles County with a number of eBird reports including a single bird in George Jett's yard on Mar. 31. He has had up to 16 birds on Swan Point in November while searching for herps in that region.

Northern Harriers were in their traditional haunts like Allen's Fresh, and eastern Charles farms in the expected time frame. The latest report was on Apr. 28 by Mark Johnson. **Bald Eagles** are abundant in Charles year-round. On the Port Tobacco CBC 49 individuals were reported. Only one **Rough-legged Hawk** was reported on the same count, but did not make it into the eBird records. Dave Henderson observed one flying by Loyola Retreat property off Pope's Creek Road on Dec. 15. The Harry Nice Bridge is still the best spot in Charles to look for **Peregrine Falcon**. Two reports came from that spot. The reports were during May and June so the nesting pair may be back on the bridge.

No out of the ordinary gulls or terns were reported during 2013. The only **Snowy Owl** report was for December 24 and came from the Benedict area, although it is uncertain whether report was for Charles or Calvert County. A thorough check on Dec. 25, turned up no Snowy Owl on either side of the Patuxent River at the Route 231 bridge. Birds do move around!

Twenty-four species of the normal breeding and migrant warblers were reported, and one **Golden-winged Warbler** by John Hubbell on Apr. 27 at Mallows Bay near Nanjemoy. There are few records of this early migrant warbler in Charles. No **Cerulean Warblers** were reported again during 2013. This seems to be the hardest neotropical migrant in that group of songbirds to find in Charles County. Gwen Brewer did find a **Blackburnian Warbler** on the Charles County May count, but it too did not make it into the eBird database.

George Jett had several records of **Swainson's Thrushes** from his yard in Waldorf, but none were reported on eBird(!). All of the normal sparrows were reported, but only one report of **American Tree Sparrow** came from Cedarville State Park by John Manchester. Additionally Gwen Brewer and George Jett had one **Vesper Sparrow** (not eBird reported) on Dec. 15 in the Nanjemoy area.

The Charles County 2013 May count was pretty successful. 2013 showed to be a banner year w/ 7,652 birds and 137 species. This represents one of our better years. It is believed that the record total species for May Count in the county is 142 species. A few noted records are itemized below. Jim Green and Kathy Calvert found our best shorebird with one **Black-necked Stilt** at Allen's Fresh. This record may represent the fifth county record for this species. The ten annual shorebirds were noted during the normal periods during the year in the typical locations. The Green/Calvert duo also found a **Sora** and **Willow Flycatcher** the same day at the same location.

The Charles County May count produced one **Brown-headed Nuthatch** found by George Harrington's team along Rosewick Road near La Plata on private property. This may represent only the fourth county record for this species, and the bird was still around for a couple weeks. Despite the bird being on private property, George Jett was able to share the record with several small groups of birders that were interested.

Barn Owl totals were down this year with only three active nests, but there were some breeding birds in at least two other locations. **Chuck-Will's Widows** and **Eastern Whip-Poor-Wills** were documented in Nanjemoy. Chuck's are also down Cobb Neck, and the best time to search for the nightjars is during late May when the full moon is out and the winds are light. **American Woodcock's** strong hold seems to be along Bluff Point Road in Nanjemoy where they can even be found on a warm December or January night.

A November Southern Maryland Audubon Society (SMAS) field trip to the George Wilmot trail produced 15 species of waterfowl including several thousand ducks. In particular, **Northern Pintails** were well represented with several hundred individuals. This location has long been a stronghold of waterfowl during the fall migration period. The trailhead location is across the road from Lackey High School, and about a 1/2 mile walk to this protected area. All seven woodpecker species, a **Winter Wren**, and **Hermit Thrush** were also found on this section of the trail.

All in all, a pretty inactive year for Charles County. The total as best George Jett can figure for 2013 is 192 species – 188 from eBird, and four not reported to eBird. This is four less than 2012. Better coverage should produce a more representative report for 2014. Come on down!

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 – Dave Perry had the top list of 148. 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.

Region	Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
Charles	140	05/03/08	Gwen Brewer, Matt Hafner, Jim Stasz, George Jett	no	American & Least Bitterns, Snow Goose, Barn Owl, Chucks & Whips, Swainson's Thrush, Verry, 20 species of warblers, & Bobolink	
Charles	131	05/16/00	Gwen Brewer & George Jett	no	Chucks & Whips, Common Nighthawk, Swainson's Thrush, Wilson's Warbler, Short-billed Dowitcher, Least Bittern, Green-winged Teal	Nothing Common
Charles	130	05/05/07	Gwen Brewer, Tom Field, Bill Hubick, & George Jett	no	Whips, Little Blue and Black-crowned Night-Heron	Solitary Sandpiper, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, & Hairy Woodpecker
Charles	128	05/08/93	Ed Boyd, Marshall Iliff, Jim Stasz, George Jett	no	Common Loon, Cattle Egret, Northern Bobwhite, Barn Owl, Chucks, Whips, Swainson's Thrush, Tennessee Warbler was one of 22 species of warblers.	Black Duck, Great Horned Owl
Charles	118	05/08/95	Barbara Hollowman, Robert Dixon, George Jett	no	Black Tern - Allen's Fresh	Mute Swan, Great Egret, Acadian Flycatcher, House Wren
Charles	105	04/24/04	George Jett, Gwen Brewer, and others	no	Common Loon, Black-bellied Plover Red-headed Woodpecker, Prothonotary Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Savannah Sparrow	Whip-poor-will
Charles	89	09/27/94	George Jett	no	Northern Harrier, Bobwhite, Royal Tern, Whip-poor-will	
Charles	81	04/11/93	George Jett & Jim Stasz	no	Red-throated Loon, Blue-winged Teal, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Upland Sandpiper, Louisiana Waterthrush	Green Heron, Black Duck, Great Blackbacked Gull, Marsh Wren

Charles County Life Lists (303 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
George Jett	277	2013	Dave Powell	197	2013	Mikey Lutmerding	170	2013
Jim Stasz	260	2012	Joe Hanfman	193	2013	Helen Patton	167	2013
Gwen Brewer	250	2013	Stan Arnold	192	2011	Marion Mudd	167	2011
Paul Nistico	234	2005	Rod Burley	190	2013	Kathy Calvert	166	2013
John Hubbell	229	2013	Matt Hafner	189	2013	Hans Holbrook	164	2009
John Gregoire	217	2005	Rick Blom	185	1999	Fred Fallon	163	2013
Jim Green	213	2013	Patty Craig	184	2011	Michael Donovan	160	1995
Bill Hubick	211	2013	Rob Ostrowski	183	2013	Ron Gutberlet	159	2013
Bob Ringler	205	2013	Elaine Hendricks	182	2013	Mike Ostrowski	158	2013
Kyle Rambo	202	2008	Dave Perry	181	2013	Steve Sanford	157	2007
Harvey Mudd	201	2011	Jim Brighton	179	2013	Jeff Culler	155	2013
Marshall Iliff	201	2011	Edward Boyd	177	2012	Dan Haas	155	2013

Charles County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
George Jett	217	2004	Jim Stasz	160	2011	Jim Green	135	2011
George Jett	212	1996	Jim Stasz	158	1992	John Hubbell	135	2006
George Jett	207	1994	Jim Stasz	158	1998	Bill Hubick	134	2006
George Jett	206	1995	Paul Nistico	157	1989	John Hubbell	134	2012
Gwen Brewer	203	2004	Jim Stasz	155	2002	John Hubbell	132	2008
George Jett	200	2003	Dave Perry	155	1999	Dave Perry	132	2001
George Jett	197	2005	John Hubbell	152	2009	Stan Arnold	130	2005
George Jett	194	1999	Rod Burley	151	2003	Bill Hubick	130	2007
George Jett	193	2006	Jim Stasz	150	1999	Ron Gutberlet	128	2011
John Gregoire	192	1984	Dave Perry	148	2013	Jim Green	128	2012
George Jett	192	2001	Jim Stasz	148	2008	John Hubbell	120	2013
George Jett	188	1997	Bill Hubick	147	2009	Bill Hubick	119	2008
George Jett	188	1991	Rod Burley	146	1999	Mike Ostrowski	118	2011
George Jett	187	2007	Rob Ostrowski	144	2011	Bill Hubick	116	2011
George Jett	187	1992	Rod Burley	144	2001	Jim Stasz	116	2004
George Jett	186	2008	Jim Green	143	2013	Jared Satchell	115	2011
George Jett	183	1993	Rob Ostrowski	143	2012	Jim Green	115	2009
George Jett	182	1998	John Hubbell	143	2005	Bill Hubick	115	2010
George Jett	180	2009	Stan Arnold	141	2009	Joe Hanfman	113	2012
George Jett	178	2002	Hans Holbrook	140	2005	Stan Arnold	113	2008
Hans Holbrook	174	2004	Rod Burley	140	2002	Jim Stasz	113	2006
John Hubbell	169	2011	Joe Hanfman	139	2011	Dave Powell	113	2008
Jim Stasz	160	2012	Rob Ostrowski	138	2010	Dave Powell	110	2007

St. Mary's County

The birding year in St. Mary's County started and ended with waterfowl. In between, it is believed that at least 257 species made an appearance in the county. The drake **Barrow's Goldeneye**, first found by Tyler Bell at the Elms Environmental Education Center during the 2011 Pt. Lookout CBC, was relocated during the 2012 CBC and continued into 2013. Since this bird had been around the previous winter, it seemed to elicit little attention. It was located on Dec. 21, the day before the CBC, by Mikey Lutmerding, and was present for a third straight year for the CBC.

On Mar. 24, Mikey Lutmerding found an unusual snipe. Negative interaction with the landowner precluded other observers from attempting to immediately relocate the bird. Photographs suggest the Eurasian variety **Common Snipe**. We'll have to wait for the records committee verdict on a first Maryland record. While chasing the putative Common Snipe, Jim Brighton and Bill Hubick found a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** on Mar. 31. There have been several reports of Yellow-headed Blackbird in St. Mary's County in recent years! Also attracting attention at the Elms, but in the first week of April, was a group of **American White Pelicans**. Presumably these birds were wandering across the Chesapeake from their winter stronghold at Blackwater NWR. They were also noted crossing the lower Patuxent River basin from St. Mary's into Calvert County - a two-fer!

Mikey Lutmerding photographed an adult **White Ibis** flying by the point at Pt. Lookout State Park. Becoming increasingly abundant in the lower Chesapeake, we can expect more frequent visits from this almost local breeder. On Oct. 14, Mikey photographed an odd bunting at Pt. Lookout. After reviewing field guides, he's confident that it was a **Lazuli Bunting**, a potential first county record and only the third MD record. Unfortunately, it disappeared shortly after he photographed it and was never relocated. A **Pacific Loon**, again awaiting records committee review, was found by Mikey Lutmerding on Oct. 19 and continued through Oct. 21. This will constitute a first county record and only the seventh MD record.

Melissa Boyle, Park Ranger at Pt. Lookout SP, set up a banding station for **Northern Saw-whet Owls** in 2012 netting only two birds. With new nets for 2013, banding success was significantly better netting 15 birds. These elusive tiny owls are probably a lot more common during migration than we think.

Mikey Lutmerding struck again with three **Cave Swallows** on Nov. 11. Pt. Lookout SP was the site of MD's first Cave Swallow back in 2002 and in recent years has been hosting small numbers in late fall. The massive irruption of **Snowy Owls** in the winter of 2013-2014 didn't escape St. Mary's. A possible Snowy was photographed in Mechanicsville but the photo was inconclusive. Definitive photos of another Snowy near the lighthouse at Pt. Lookout, on Dec. 14, yielded a chaseable bird. It hung around the lighthouse and rip rap as far north as the fishing pier. It was not present for the CBC, though, but returned on Dec. 26. Another unfortunate bird was hit by an aircraft at Patuxent River NAS. Wrapping up the year was yet another Mikey Lutmerding discovery of a first county record of a pair of **Ross's Geese** in fields near the end of Harry James Road in Ridge. Unfortunately, the only other observers were Jane Kostenko and Tyler Bell who noted the birds descending into the nearby creek for the night. Other observers could not relocate them but did find a pair of blue phase **Snow Geese**, uncommon in St. Mary's.

The recurring theme in St. Mary's is Mikey Lutmerding and Pt. Lookout. A geographical funnel, Pt. Lookout produces rarities with regularity and Mikey has photographic proof of most of it.

Listing Patty Craig's 326 Life List is still comfortably in the lead for St. Mary's County. Her year list of 241 was tops in 2013 but 17 species behind her 1996 record of 258.

There is one Big Day, a February record, in the database for St. Mary's County.

Region	Total	Date	Team Members	Playback?	Best Birds	Noteworthy Misses
St. Mary's	85	02/24/13	Matt Anthony, Josh Emm	yes	Green-winged Teal, Redhead, White-winged Scoter, Virginia Rail, Marsh	Winter Wren, Hermit Thrush, White-breasted Nuthatch, Fish

St. Mary's County Life Lists (337 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Patty Craig	326	2013	Matt Hafner	219	2013	Paul O'Brien	190	2013
Kyle Rambo	313	2008	Rick Blom	212	1999	Lynn Davidson	190	1998
J. Tyler Bell	297	2013	Harvey Mudd	212	2011	Paul O'Brien	190	2010
Jim Stasz	290	2012	Dave Powell	211	2013	Elaine Hendricks	189	2013
Jane Kostenko	289	2013	Jim Green	208	2013	Kevin Graff	188	2010
Mikey Lutmerding	269	2013	Joe Hanfman	207	2013	Sue Hamilton	184	2003
John Hubbell	253	2013	Edward Boyd	204	2012	Mike Ostrowski	183	2013
Martie Cribb	251	1996	Stan Arnold	204	2011	Rob Ostrowski	181	2013
George Jett	237	2013	Hans Holbrook	202	2009	Dave Perry	179	2013
Marshall Iliff	228	2011	John Gregoire	202	2005	Kathy Calvert	179	2013
Bill Hubick	227	2013	Matt Anthony	201	2013	Rod Burley	176	2013
Michael O'Brien	226	1999	Erika Wilson	201	1991	Steve Sanford	176	2007
Jim Brighton	222	2013	Matt Tillett	197	2010	John Dennehy	175	2012
Paul Nistico	222	2005	Matt Tillett	197	2010	Ron Gutberlet	174	2013
Greg Miller	222	2000	Fred Fallon	192	2013	Joel Martin	173	2013
Bob Ringler	221	2013	Jeff Culler	191	2013	Helen Patton	173	2013

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

Kent County

A total of 226 species were reported for Kent County in 2013, 10 species fewer than in 2012. Notable highlights are two reports of **Snowy Owls**, a **Sandhill Crane**, **American Avocet** and a returning **Rufous Hummingbird**.

One of three **Eurasian Wigeons** originally found in 2012 by Bill Hubick, John Hubbell and Mikey Lutmerding at Eastern Neck NWR continued to be seen through January. An **Atlantic Brant** was found feeding among a large flock of Canada Geese at Eastern Neck NWR on January 1st by Dan Small. Two separate reports of **Greater-white-fronted Geese** both found by Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin were noteworthy. The first was found at Great Oak Pond on February 17th and the second on February 28th along Rt. 297. An amazing 23 **Common Redpolls** were found feeding on a Sweet Gum tree by Nancy Martin on February 13th. Nancy Martin and Walter Ellison were lucky enough to have a **Common Redpoll** visit their feeders on February 20th and again on the 26th.

Northern Gannets are always notable in the county as they rarely travel north of the Bay Bridge. Walter Ellison had one individual that he saw from Eastern Neck NWR on April 7th. An **American Bittern**, a tough bird in the county, was found on April 23 by Marshall McSorley in Tolchester. Chesapeake Farms continues to be the best spot in the county for shorebirds. A **Wilson's** and **Red-necked Phalarope** were found in the large show pool on Chesapeake Farms by Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin on May 18th with the **Red-neck Phalarope** continuing until the next day. Four reports of **Hooded Warblers** during spring migration stood out as a highlight. The first was found by Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin on May 8th and another was seen on May 16th in the Chesapeake Landing community. Marshall McSorley found one on May 17th in Tolchester and Caroline Robertson had one on May 20th also in Chesapeake Landing. The only **Dickcissel** reports from this period came from Mark Johnson, when he found two birds along Sassafras-Caldwell road on May 27th. These Alfalfa fields continue to be a good location to find breeding Dickcissels.

Highlights for the fall included a **Little Blue Heron** found by Matthew Addicks on September 29th at Chesapeake Farms. Also at Chesapeake Farms were two **American Avocets** found by Dan Haas on September 3rd. In addition to the Avocets, there were two **Wilson's Phalaropes** with one continuing until the 14th. Elaine Hendricks found an **Upland Sandpiper** on August 24th along Sassafras-Caldwell road; a second bird was found by Wayne Bell on September 9th at Shipping Creek Farm. The best warbler of the fall was **Bay-breasted Warbler**, with three different sightings representing seven individuals. Walter Ellison and Nancy Martin found three at Eastern Neck NWR on September 14th; on the 23rd, Walter and Nancy found three more at Chesapeake Landing and finally on the 24th Peter Myers found one at Eastern Neck NWR.

You can always count on the Christmas Bird Counts for interesting birds. On December 15th during the Lower Kent CBC, Jim Gruber found a **Sandhill Crane** feeding in a field along Reese's Corner road. This was a first for the count. A **Great Cormorant** was also found on the Lower Kent count by Jim Gruber as it was sitting on a buoy seen from Tochester Marina. A male **Eurasian Wigeon**, probably a returning individual from the previous winter, was found by Dan Small on December 21st. Kent County was finally added to the list of counties with Snowy Owls during this winter's irruption. The first **Snowy Owl** was found by Helen Horrock's brother on Tavern Creek on December 17th; he first noticed the bird sitting on a duck blind. The second was seen and photographed along Duck Puddle road on December 22nd. This fortunately coincided with the Chesterville CBC though was not found by any of the participants. On December 25th, Floyd, Lanny and Zach Parks found a leucistic **Red-tailed Hawk** near Black Station road. While technically not a rare species, it is noteworthy as this individual apparently has been wintering in the area for the last four years. **Snow Buntings** are not always annual in the county; Marshall McSorley found one individual on December 26th at Eastern Neck NWR. The first county record **Rufous Hummingbird** from 2012 returned to Chestertown in 2013 for its second winter.

Listing Floyd Parks' 282 Life List from 2004 still leads the county and is six more than the nearest birder, Walter Ellison. None of the top three Life Lists have been updated in recent years, however. Walter's seven different Year Lists of over 200, including his record 228 from 2004, are the only ones to ever top 200.

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

Kent County Life Lists (315 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Floyd Parks	282	2004	Harvey Mudd	204	2011	Marion Mudd	172	2011
Walter Ellison	276	2010	Joe Hanfman	202	2013	Dan Haas	171	2013
Jim Stasz	264	2012	Rick Blom	201	1999	Steve Sanford	171	2007
Dan Small	247	2013	Dave Powell	200	2013	Mike Ostrowski	166	2013
Bob Ringler	234	2013	Ron Gutberlet	194	2013	Fred Fallon	164	2013
John Hubbell	233	2013	Stan Arnold	192	2011	Dave Harvey	164	2007
Jim Brighton	232	2013	Maren Gimpel	191	2012	Joel Martin	163	2013
Bill Hubick	230	2013	Elaine Hendricks	191	2013	Michael Bowen	161	2013
Matt Hafner	220	2013	Kevin Graff	188	2010	Rob Ostrowski	161	2013
Marshall Iliff	219	2011	Kathy Calvert	183	2013	Jeff Culler	159	2013
Dave Perry	211	2013	Helen Patton	176	2013	Tom Feild	159	2007
Hans Holbrook	209	2009	Edward Boyd	175	2012	Michael Bowen	155	2010
Jim Green	206	2013	John Dennehy	172	2012	J.B. Churchill	154	2013

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

Queen Anne's County

Overall, 2013 was an underwhelming birding year in Queen Anne's County with only 231 species submitted to eBird. The 2013 total was an incredible 20 species less than what was reported in 2012. Despite the low overall total, there were several nice species found throughout the year. The two most notable species, **Tufted Duck** and **Rufous Hummingbird**, were both originally found in 2012, but continued through the winter and were enjoyed by birders in 2013.

The **Tufted Duck** originally found by Mark Schilling spent the remaining part of the winter around Kent Narrows and was last seen on March 31st. The **Rufous Hummingbird** made it through the winter and was last seen at the end of March. Unfortunately, it did not return this winter. We did not see a northward return of large numbers of winter finches that made their way south earlier in the winter. Two exceptions were both found in the same yard on the February 16th in Centreville - an **Evening Grosbeak** reported by the homeowner, David Kyger, was seen feeding in his yard and a **Common Redpoll** was seen by Dan Small and Maren Gimpel in the same yard later in the day. Both species are rarely reported in the county, so to have them on the same day in the same location is a big deal. Two reports of **Lesser Black-backed Gull**, an annual but often hard to find species in the county, were from Kent Island. Two birds were found at Terrapin Nature Park by Sean McGuinn on January 21st, and a single bird was reported from Kent Narrows by Jacob Barkett on February 2nd.

Spring migration is usually rather slow on the Eastern Shore and this year was no exception in Queen Anne's. A **Sedge Wren** was found by Maren Gimpel on May 11th on Chino Farms, this bird sang from the same location for two days and then was not seen or heard again. The first of three reports of **Blue-winged Warbler** was found during a Bio-Blitz on Chino Farms by Bill Hubick, Jim Brighton and Tom Field on April 27th. Dan Small and Maren Gimpel had a singing male along Bear Pond Road on May 3rd, and Maren Gimpel heard a singing male on May 9th on Chino Farms. A **Bay-breasted Warbler** was found by Maren Gimpel along Bear Pond Road on May 17th.

The best find during the summer months was a **Clapper Rail** by Mark Schilling at Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center. Queen Anne's County continues to be a good county to find breeding **Dickcissels**, mostly because of the large grassland on Chino Farms, but Chino was not the only location with singing males. The first **Dickcissel** report came from Dan Small with a singing male on May 23rd on Chino Farms, where a total of 11 males and at least six females stayed throughout the summer. **Dickcissels** were found in two other locations; Mark Schilling found a singing male along Race Track Road May 27th and Danny Poet found a male on Little Eagle Road on June 9th.

An increasingly hard bird to find in the county nowadays is **Vesper Sparrow**, but Mark Johnson found two individuals near Chino Farms on October 19. **American Bitterns** are rarely reported in the county, though Anna Urciolo was fortunate to find one at Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center on November 17th. Overall, it was a slow year for **Northern Saw-whet Owls** in Maryland as many individuals stayed up north. The single county report came from Maren Gimpel and Dan Small on November 4th on Chino Farms. By far the most viewed bird by birders and non-birders alike was the **Snowy Owl** found by Lori Byrne on December 13th. As everyone surely knows by now, this bird enjoyed roosting on or near the bay bridge and amazed hundreds of people. A second **Snowy Owl** was seen from nearby Terrapin Park on December 26th by Jared Parks and Tara Holste.

Listing Jim Stasz sits atop the County Life List heap but his margin shrunk by four birds as Dan Small picked up six new birds for the county. Dan Small still has the top Year List of 229 from 2010. Mark Schilling had the highest year list in 2013 with a solid 203.

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
Jim Stasz	284	2012	Jim Green	218	2013	John Dennehy	181	2012
Dan Small	278	2013	Dave Palmer	217	2013	Rob Ostrowski	181	2013
Maren Gimpel	265	2012	Dan Haas	215	2013	Michael Bowen	178	2013
Mark Schilling	262	2013	Rick Blom	214	1999	Helen Patton	177	2013
Danny Poet	262	2011	Harvey Mudd	213	2011	Mike Ostrowski	171	2013
Kevin Graff	253	2010	Stan Arnold	210	2011	Marion Mudd	171	2011
John Hubbell	251	2013	Elaine Hendricks	207	2013	Jeff Culler	170	2013
Bill Hubick	249	2013	Edward Boyd	205	2012	Warren Strobel	169	2013
Matt Hafner	247	2013	Ron Gutberlet	203	2013	Dotty Mumford	165	2006
Jim Brighton	244	2013	Carol McCollough	194	2013	Lynn Davidson	164	1998
Bob Ringler	240	2013	Kathy Calvert	192	2013	Marcia Balestri	163	2013
Marshall Iliff	233	2011	Walter Ellison	192	2010	David Holmes	162	1994
Dave Perry	228	2013	Fred Fallon	190	2013	Steve Sanford	161	2007
Dave Powell	228	2013	Joel Martin	188	2013	Phil Davis	160	2013
Joe Hanfman	228	2013	John Gregoire	188	2005	Rod Burley	160	2012
Hans Holbrook	227	2009	Glenn Therres	185	1996	Rod Burley	160	2010

Queen Anne's County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Dan Small	229	2010	Maren Gimpel	202	2011	Dave Palmer	178	2012
Mark Schilling	226	2010	Mark Schilling	201	2011	Danny Poet	178	2000
Mark Schilling	224	2012	Danny Poet	199	2005	Hans Holbrook	169	2004
Maren Gimpel	221	2012	Danny Poet	198	2007	Danny Poet	167	1999
Danny Poet	214	2010	Danny Poet	192	2006	Bill Hubick	166	2010
Dave Perry	210	2003	Danny Poet	192	2003	Dave Palmer	162	2013
Danny Poet	206	2009	Danny Poet	191	2008	Danny Poet	162	1998
Danny Poet	205	2004	Jim Stasz	188	1999	Jim Stasz	160	2012
Mark Schilling	203	2013	Jim Stasz	187	2002	Jim Brighton	160	2010
Danny Poet	203	2011	John Hubbell	186	2010	Kevin Graff	158	2004

Caroline County

Birders reported a total of 217 species for Caroline County in 2013, which is consistent with numbers of species reported over the last several years (221 reported in 2010 and 2012 and 219 reported in 2011). Unlike the last few years when a few special species attracted attention to Caroline (Black-headed grosbeak in 2011 or White Ibis in 2102), there were no unique sightings in the county. The presence of a flooded field near Greensboro attracted large numbers of birders for a few weeks in August and resulted in multiple sightings of waders and shorebirds that are usually difficult to find in this land-locked county.

Early in the year Caroline County was a fairly reliable location for **Snow Buntings** and **Lapland Longspurs**, both of which were reported again in good numbers around the large fields northwest of Ridgely. **White-winged Crossbills** were reported by Tom Feild and others in the conifers along Main Street in Preston in February but much of the 2013 northern finch invasion avoided Caroline this year. A **Red-throated Loon**, a rare bird inland, was first reported on Feb. 10 by Ron Gutberlet (on the Talbot side of the Choptank River) but later made its way into Caroline waters where multiple observers recorded it. In March, a first county record of a **Painted Bunting** was reported and photographed by a local homeowner in Denton; however, there was no visitation by the birding community.

Tanyard wetlands and the surrounding marshy areas again produced some good birds in late spring with a **King Rail** and **Least Bittern** heard and a few **Snowy Egrets** seen on the mudflats. Torrential rains in late July resulted in large numbers of flooded fields but none received the attention, of birds and birders alike, like a field on Draper's Mill Road in northern Caroline County, first reported by Nick Carter to Les Roslund of the Talbot Bird Club. Waders and shorebirds, some of which are difficult to find in Caroline, appeared in large numbers, including **Great Egret** (up to 33 seen at one time), **Snowy Egrets**, **Great Blue (12)** and **Little Blue Herons (12)**, **Glossy Ibis (12)**, **Solitary (11)**, **Stilt (16)**, **Least (95)**, **Pectoral (74)**, and **Semipalmated (660)** **Sandpipers** and a lone **Sanderling**, a very rare bird in Caroline County. Numerous **American Golden-Plovers** and **Black-Bellied Plovers** were observed in the surrounding fields.

In June, Les Roslund reported finding a small colony of **Cliff Swallows** building nests on the newly constructed bridge over the Tuckahoe River along Route 328. Up to 12 Cliff Swallow nests were counted, some by boat under the bridge with some nests on the Caroline side of the bridge and others on the Talbot side. Numerous juvenile Cliff Swallows were reported sitting on power lines over the next several weeks. Hopefully this small colony will continue to prosper.

The fall warbler migration was very productive, especially at Adkins Arboretum where 29 species of warblers were recorded from August through October. This included one **Connecticut** (4th year in a row), one **Wilson's** and numerous **Blackburnian**, **Tennessee** and **Cape May**, normally difficult to find in Caroline. All six species of vireos were also reported in this time period. The fall **Saw-whet Owl** banding at Tuckahoe State Park had a down year, partly due to a barred owl that found the nets and the banding operation had to be suspended.

Like most surrounding counties, in this year of the Snowy Owl, there was a single **Snowy Owl** reported near Greensboro in December; however, this was never confirmed and no additional documentation was provided.

Listing Jim Stasz's 261 Life List has no real challengers from the present-day birding community; however, the Year List category has a new birder atop the list, as Dave Palmer's 2013 total of 188 bested Dave Perry's previous high of 187.

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

Caroline County Life Lists (298 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	261	2012	Dave Palmer	206	2013	Don Meritt	174	1996
Marvin Hewitt	243	1996	Danny Poet	206	2011	Michael O'Brien	172	1999
Ethel Engle	240	2002	Dave Powell	202	2013	Joel Martin	171	2013
Roberta Fletcher	239	1994	Jim Green	197	2013	Dan Small	170	2013
Jim Brighton	233	2013	Ron Gutberlet	193	2013	Fred Fallon	162	2013
John Hubbell	227	2013	Stephen Ford	192	2012	Marion Mudd	162	2011
Matt Hafner	222	2013	Joe Hanfman	191	2013	John Gregoire	161	2005
Marshall Iliff	222	2011	Harvey Mudd	191	2011	Jeff Culler	158	2013
Glen Lovelace	215	2009	Stan Arnold	186	2011	Rob Ostrowski	158	2013
Dave Perry	214	2013	Kathy Calvert	182	2013	John Dennehy	156	2012
Bob Ringler	212	2013	Edward Boyd	178	2012	Steve Sanford	156	2007
Bill Hubick	209	2013	Elaine Hendricks	176	2013	George Armistead	155	2003
Hans Holbrook	208	2009	Rick Blom	175	1999	Helen Patton	152	2013

Caroline County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Dave Palmer	188	2013	Marvin Hewitt	141	1989	Joe Hanfman	121	2012
Dave Perry	187	2010	Danny Poet	138	2005	Rob Ostrowski	121	2011
Jim Stasz	183	1999	Jim Green	137	2009	Stan Arnold	121	2008
Jim Brighton	179	2005	Bill Hubick	137	2007	Jim Stasz	121	2004
Jim Stasz	171	2002	John Hubbell	137	2005	Roberta Fletcher	119	1993
Jim Brighton	159	2010	Jim Stasz	136	2008	John Hubbell	118	2011
Danny Poet	159	2007	Danny Poet	136	2004	Jim Green	117	2010
Bill Hubick	158	2008	Bill Hubick	133	2011	Elaine Hendricks	116	2013
Hans Holbrook	158	2005	John Hubbell	133	2009	Jared Satchell	116	2011
Dave Palmer	155	2012	Roberta Fletcher	132	1989	Jim Green	115	2011
Dave Perry	155	2000	Jim Stasz	131	2011	Joe Hanfman	115	2011
John Hubbell	153	2013	Danny Poet	130	2003	Edward Boyd	114	2011
Hans Holbrook	153	2004	Ethel Engle	129	1993	Jim Stasz	114	2005
Danny Poet	151	2010	Jim Stasz	128	2006	John Hubbell	111	2007
Jim Stasz	151	1992	Jim Green	127	2013	Ron Gutberlet	110	2010
Jim Stasz	150	2012	Jim Green	126	2012	Mike Ostrowski	109	2011
Dave Perry	148	2004	Dave Palmer	126	2011	John Hubbell	108	2008
Jim Stasz	147	2000	Ron Gutberlet	125	2009	John Hubbell	106	2010
Danny Poet	146	2011	Danny Poet	125	2006	Jim Stasz	106	1998
Danny Poet	146	2009	Joe Hanfman	124	2013	Jim Stasz	104	2003
Danny Poet	146	2008	Jim Green	124	2008	Hans Holbrook	103	2007
Ron Gutberlet	144	2011	Ethel Engle	124	1994	Roberta Fletcher	102	1992
Bill Hubick	144	2009	Edward Boyd	123	2012	Stan Arnold	99	2009
Dave Perry	142	2001	Bill Hubick	123	2010	John Hubbell	98	2012

Talbot County

Birding in Talbot County attracted many participants in 2013, reflecting the growing recognition that the county carries quite a few species, if one knows where to look for them. eBird users reported 253 species in the county for the year, and there probably were several more in addition to that listing.

Early in the year an obvious candidate for "Bird of the Year" showed up. This was a **Northern Lapwing** found on Feb. 3 by Les Roslund amongst some Killdeer in a wheat field near the village of Cordova. It stayed around the rest of that day and continued into the next morning until driven off by a foraging Peregrine Falcon that passed above the field. During the stay, it brought great joy to the birders and photographers that reached the site in timely fashion. This was a first sighting of the species for Talbot County and also for the entire Maryland Eastern Shore.

The Cordova region of the county is not a heavily birded area, but in 2013 it also yielded a **Yellow-headed Blackbird** (Jan. 27, L. Roslund) as well as several **Lapland Longspurs** in a large flock of **Horned Larks** in February.

The best known Talbot County birding sites, Pickering Creek Audubon Center, Black Walnut Point on Tilghman Island, and Poplar Island all continued to provide good birding throughout the year. The wetland ponds of Pickering Creek and the wildlife loop connecting them held 59 bird species (635 individuals) on Oct. 29 (Dave Bent), including **Wood Duck, Gadwall, Black Duck, Northern Shoveler (9), Northern Pintail (32), Green-wing Teal (14), Ruddy Duck (9) and Bald Eagle (4)**. The Lifetime Record of Pickering Creek sightings is now up to 220 species.

During autumn migration many migrants converge on Black Walnut Point to provide a mini-Cape May for local birders. In 2013, the weather conditions were highly favorable for the autumn Hawk Watch that was held at the point on Oct. 13. The raptor totals for the day were: Hawks 358 (10 species, about 0.99 hawks per minute of active hawk hours), and Vultures 186 (2 species). Highlights: **Osprey (8), Bald Eagle (7), Northern Harrier (7), Sharp-shinned Hawk (174), Cooper's Hawk (36), Red-shouldered Hawk (9), American Kestrel (84), Merlin (23) and Peregrine Falcon (7)**. Leaders/recorders for the day were Andrew Bullen and Jan Reese.

Another great birding site in the county is Poplar Island, and again in 2013 many species that would not be found elsewhere in the county showed up out on the island, according to the regular site surveys performed by Jan Reese. Highlights were ducks, waders and shorebirds in season, along with surprise visits by vagrant species. New species for the site in 2013 were **Pileated Woodpecker (4/10) and Franklin's Gull (9/30)**. The species survey of May 21 showed record high counts for the island for several nesting species: **Glossy Ibis, Cattle Egret, Osprey, Purple Martin and Seaside Sparrow**. On Jun. 25 the survey observed fledglings of **Virginia Rail, Horned Lark and Bank Swallow**. This survey also discovered over 100 nests of **Forster's Terns**, another new nesting species, on an inlet just off shore. Later, on Jul. 9, the survey found **Northern Harrier** fledglings. During a birder visit on Aug. 21, Joe Hanfman recorded twenty-nine **Hudsonian Godwits** at the site.

Private residences and local hotspots provided numerous other happy birding experiences. One **Greater White-fronted Goose** spent several early January days in an Easton church yard (Roslund). On Mar. 19 Vince deSanctis was treated to a fly-over by twelve **Brant** at Black Walnut Point. Sparrow highlights included one **Lincoln's Sparrow** on Nov. 2 in the yard of Les Roslund, and one **Clay-colored Sparrow** that visited for a few days in December in the yard of Wayne Bell. One **Snowy Owl** made a brief appearance Nov. 27 in a field near Claiborne (Rob Ostrowski).

Listing Per Les Roslund, Vince deSanctis set an all-time single year record in 2013 with 241 species, topping the previous record of 236 that was set in 2012 by Dave Palmer. However, this record was not submitted or

verified by Vince and therefore does not appear in the table below. Les' 234 was the highest reported year list for 2013. Henry Armistead's impressive 295 Life List is tops. There is one Big Day in the database for Talbot County.

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

Talbot County Life Lists (331 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Henry Armistead	295	2013	Kathy Calvert	229	2013	Michael O'Brien	192	1999
Les Roslund	292	2013	George Armistead	229	2003	Carol McCollough	188	2013
Dick Kleen	287	1996	Stan Arnold	227	2011	Dan Haas	186	2013
Jim Stasz	283	2012	Elaine Hendricks	224	2013	Rick Blom	186	1999
Don Meritt	272	1996	Dave Powell	223	2013	J.B. Churchill	184	2013
Jim Brighton	269	2013	Jared Satchell	221	2011	Mike Burchett	184	2013
Dave Palmer	263	2013	Mikey Lutmerding	219	2013	Fred Fallon	184	2013
Stephen Ford	262	2012	Dan Small	218	2013	Michael Bowen	183	2013
Wayne Bell	262	2010	Marcia Balestri	218	2013	Dave Perry	182	2013
Bob Ringler	258	2013	Hans Holbrook	218	2009	Steve Sanford	181	2007
Joe Hanfman	248	2013	Kevin Graff	212	2010	Jan Reese	180	1989
John Hubbell	246	2013	Jeff Culler	211	2013	Phil Davis	177	2013
Danny Poet	242	2011	Joel Martin	206	2013	Rob Ostrowski	176	2013
Matt Hafner	240	2013	Harvey Mudd	202	2011	Edward Boyd	172	2012
Jim Green	238	2013	Jan Reese	202	1989	Rod Burley	168	2013
Marshall Iliff	238	2011	Helen Patton	199	2013	Walter Ellison	168	2010
Bill Hubick	232	2013	Leslie Starr	196	2013	Mark Schilling	166	2013
Ron Gutberlet	230	2013	John Dennehy	196	2012	Mike Ostrowski	165	2013

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

Dorchester County

There is no report for Dorchester County for 2013. If you would like to volunteer for this role for the 2014 report, please let Russ Ruffing know. In [Listing](#) Henry Armistead's 310 Life List is under no threat of being topped anytime soon, and he holds most of the top 25 Year Lists, including the all-time best of 244 from 1967(!). Dave Palmer and Jared Fisher both topped the 2013 birding year with 204 species. There is one March Big Day.

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

Dorchester County Life Lists (334 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Henry Armistead	310	2013	Kevin Graff	229	2010	Edward Boyd	201	2012
Jim Stasz	290	2012	J.B. Churchill	228	2013	Larry Bonham	201	1995
Jim Brighton	286	2013	Harvey Mudd	220	2011	Fred Fallon	200	2013
John Hubbell	269	2013	Rick Blom	220	1999	John Dennehy	197	2012
Stephen Ford	267	2012	Mary Ann Todd	219	2013	Dick Homan	197	2004
Bob Ringler	267	2013	Mike Burchett	218	2013	Mike Ostrowski	193	2013
Samuel H. Dyke	264	2013	Elaine Hendricks	218	2013	Jared Satchell	193	2011
Hans Holbrook	259	2009	Paul O'Brien	216	2013	Mikey Lutmerding	192	2013
George Armistead	257	2003	Jared Fisher	216	2013	Jeff Culler	192	2013
Matt Hafner	256	2013	Rod Burley	216	2013	Dave Harvey	192	2007
Bill Hubick	256	2013	Kathy Calvert	216	2013	Rob Hilton	191	2013
Michael O'Brien	252	1999	Helen Patton	215	2013	Steve Sanford	189	2007
Marshall Iliff	248	2011	Rob Ostrowski	214	2013	Peter Osenton	188	2013
Dave Palmer	246	2013	Erika Wilson	214	1991	Marion Mudd	185	2011
Carol Broderick	246	2012	Dan Haas	213	2013	Clifford Comeau	185	2011
Jim Green	246	2013	Dave Perry	213	2013	George Jett	184	2013
Joe Hanfman	242	2013	John Gregoire	213	2005	Leslie Starr	183	2013
Ron Gutberlet	241	2013	Mark Hoffman	212	2011	Tom Feild	180	2007
Stan Arnold	235	2011	Marcia Balestri	211	2013	Dotty Mumford	179	2006
Mike Walsh	233	2013	Norm Saunders	211	2011	Kye Jenkins	178	2013
Don Meritt	233	1996	Carol McCollough	207	2013	Joy Peters	172	2009
Dave Powell	232	2013	Joel Martin	205	2013	David Holmes	169	1994
Don Broderick	232	2003	Lynn Davidson	205	1998	Betsy Bangert	167	2013
Dan Small	229	2013	Fran Saunders	204	2011	Michael Bowen	166	2011

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

Somerset County

In Somerset County in 2013, birders reported 220 species to eBird, down from the 228 species reported in 2012. The most exciting bird of the year in Somerset was the first county record **Snowy Owl** found by Randy Stadler at the Rumbly-Frenchtown split prior to the Crisfield Christmas Bird Count (exact date unavailable at time of press). No other bird came close, but other good birds for the county included **Eurasian Wigeon**, **American White Pelican**, **White Ibis**, and **Marbled Godwit**. Unfortunately, no crossbills turned up in Somerset in 2013.

On Feb. 22, Mike Walsh found four **Greater White-fronted Geese** on Peach Orchard Road. The species itself is rare enough in the county; a count of four is probably unprecedented. The non-native **Mute Swan** has been resident in Somerset for years, but it is unclear how much longer that will be the case. Only two locations had Mute Swans this year - Riley Roberts Road (including the turnoff) in the Deal Island Wildlife Management Area (WMA; multiple reports from Mar. 15 to Oct. 2) and Cottage Hall Farm on Holland Creek (one bird reported by Tyler Storm on Nov. 30). Joel Martin counted a surprising 13 Mute Swans together in the impoundment on Riley Roberts Road on June 30. In the heyday of the Deal Island WMA wigeon flock, Eurasian Wigeon was an expected county bird, but wintering wigeon are much fewer here now. Mikey Lutmerding photographed a drake **Eurasian Wigeon** in the Deal Island WMA (Green Dumpster Road) on Mar. 16; a drake of this species (same individual?) was later seen in the WMA (but on Riley Roberts Road) from Apr. 7-23 (photo, Apr. 20, Gutberlet).

On Apr. 27, Lester Coble and Danny Poet found five **American White Pelicans** on Smith Island. Frank Marengi provided a thorough description of an immature **White Ibis** found with Glossy Ibis near the southern end of Rumbly Point Road on July 4. While many Maryland birders have developed the habit of checking Glossy Ibis flocks for White-faced Ibis, few are probably seeking hybrids of the two species. Mikey Lutmerding photographed a hybrid (**Glossy x White-faced Ibis**) on Green Dumpster Road on June 3. Barbara Eck and Susan Ridd reported a **Marbled Godwit** on Smith Island on Aug. 10. On Apr. 26, Danny Poet watched six **Black Skimmers** fly in and land on the sandbar near the Long Point Boat Landing. Jim Brighton and Tom Field found a **Philadelphia Vireo** at the Drawbridge Road section of the Deal Island WMA on Sep. 15. Mike Walsh found a **Connecticut Warbler** on Riley Roberts Road on Sep. 9.

The greatest number of complete checklists submitted to eBird by a single observer was 76 (down from 132 in 2012). Twenty birders submitted 10 or more complete checklists (down from 34 in 2012). While there are reasons to hope that we will see more coverage here in 2014, Somerset - tucked into the far reaches of the Lower Shore - is one of the least birded counties in the state. It could also be one of the most interesting.

Listing Jim Stasz still maintains a huge 26 bird lead in the Life List category, standing at 290 at the end of 2012. His 1982 Year List total of 245 will likely never be approached. Ron Gutberlet's 168 was tops in 2013.

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

Somerset County Life Lists (319 Max)

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Jim Stasz	290	2012	Dave Powell	216	2013	Kevin Graff	184	2010
Samuel H. Dyke	264	2013	Edward Boyd	215	2012	George Jett	182	2013
Carol Broderick	263	2013	Charlie Vaughn	214	2000	Rob Ostrowski	180	2013
Don Broderick	254	2003	Dave Perry	209	2013	Mike Burchett	177	2013
Jim Brighton	253	2013	Joe Hanfman	209	2013	Steve Sanford	176	2007
John Hubbell	247	2013	Jim Green	209	2013	Jeff Culler	175	2013
Marshall Iliff	246	2011	Mark Hoffman	209	2011	John Dennehy	175	2012
Mike Walsh	242	2013	Stan Arnold	208	2011	Dotty Mumford	175	2006
Bill Hubick	239	2013	Gail Vaughn	206	2000	Helen Patton	173	2013
Bob Ringler	235	2013	John Gregoire	204	2005	Marion Mudd	172	2011
Ron Gutberlet	234	2013	Lynn Davidson	201	1998	Joel Martin	170	2013
Henry Armistead	232	2013	Kathy Calvert	196	2013	Dave Harvey	168	2007
Mikey Lutmerding	222	2013	Carol McCollough	194	2013	Polly Batchelder	168	1990
Eddie Slaughter	221	2000	Harvey Mudd	192	2011	Phil Davis	167	2013
Matt Hafner	219	2013	Elaine Hendricks	191	2013	Mike Ostrowski	167	2013
Tom Feild	217	2013	Rick Blom	186	1999	Marcia Balestri	161	2013
Hans Holbrook	217	2009	J.B. Churchill	185	2013	Larry Bonham	161	1995

Somerset County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Jim Stasz	245	1982	Jim Stasz	170	2000	Jim Stasz	152	2005
Jim Stasz	191	2002	Ron Gutberlet	169	2011	Jim Stasz	151	2009
Jim Stasz	189	1999	Ron Gutberlet	168	2013	Carol McCollough	150	2012
Ron Gutberlet	187	2012	Jim Stasz	168	2011	Jim Stasz	150	2007
Bill Hubick	184	2009	Mike Walsh	164	2013	Kevin Graff	150	2007
Ron Gutberlet	184	2009	John Hubbell	164	2009	George Jett	149	1992
Jim Brighton	183	2010	Jim Brighton	161	2005	Bill Hubick	148	2010
Jim Stasz	179	2012	Mike Walsh	157	2008	Bill Hubick	148	2005
Mike Walsh	178	2010	Jim Stasz	156	1998	Mike Walsh	148	2009
Jim Stasz	173	1992	Dave Perry	155	2001	Dave Weesner	148	1990
Mike Walsh	172	2012	John Hubbell	154	2012	Jim Green	147	2013
John Hubbell	171	2008	Stan Arnold	154	2005	Joe Hanfman	147	2012
Ron Gutberlet	171	2010	Dave Perry	153	1999	Jim Green	147	2012

Wicomico County

In Wicomico County in 2013, birders reported 214 species, noticeably fewer than the 224 species reported to eBird alone in 2012. No state-level rarities were found in Wicomico County in 2013, but Ellen Lawler started the year well by finding a **Nashville Warbler** (photos) behind the Riverside Medical Center in Salisbury on Jan. 6. This nice find, which continued through at least Jan. 9, was the only county bird *all year* that was both of widespread interest and chase-able. Coverage continues to be an important variable in Wicomico. We always welcome more birders on the Lower Shore - you all know that your Wicomico lists need work! Birders did find some great county-level rarities, including **Eurasian Wigeon**, **Tricolored Heron**, **American Oystercatcher**, **Connecticut Warbler**, and **both crossbill species**, as described below.

The finch invasion that began in fall 2012 finally registered in Wicomico County toward the end of the invasion period in early 2013. On Feb. 2, Mikey Lutmerding saw and heard six **Red Crossbills (Type 3)** flying over the Salisbury Landfill; Mikey was able to document the birds with a voice recording. On Mar. 24, Eric Liebgold had a close and well-described encounter with an adult male **White-winged Crossbill** in his yard near Rockawalkin Creek. The Salisbury Landfill is not as convenient to bird as it used to be (inside access continues to be denied) but is still one of the most reliable locations in the state for white-winged gulls. Betsy Bangert and Mike Burchett found an **Iceland Gull** at the Salisbury Landfill on Feb. 19, but there were no other reports of white-winged gulls in Wicomico in 2013. **Glaucous Gull** is an unusual miss for the county.

Sam Dyke found two **American Oystercatchers** at Roaring Point on May 7 - only the second county record for this species. While the sandbars that constitute Roaring Point are probably fairly attractive to oystercatchers, this location is regularly occupied by walkers, fishermen, and dogs. The chances of a birder and an oystercatcher arriving at Roaring Point at the same time, while the sand is exposed and unoccupied, are clearly not good! Through regular monitoring of Wicomico turf farms, Sam recorded a total of 24 shorebird species in Wicomico in 2013. In late summer, Sam observed a **Tricolored Heron** in Waterview.

On Sep. 17, Mike Walsh found a **Connecticut Warbler** at the Nanticoke River Wildlife Management Area at the end of Nutters Neck Rd. Sam Dyke had one here on Sep. 26. Ron and Carol Gutberlet found a **Lincoln's Sparrow** at this location on Oct. 13. Mike Walsh and Chris Dominick found a drake **Eurasian Wigeon** (photos) on Chesapeake Nurseries property (private) during the Salisbury Christmas Bird Count on Dec. 15. One other CBC party was happy to abandon territory for this excellent county bird! Unfortunately the bird was not relocated the next day, but at least it brought a little excitement to the end of a fairly lackluster year in Wicomico.

Although eBird coverage in Wicomico County remained light in 2013, there are some signs of improved participation and effort; for example, the relatively new Ward Museum account had over 100 checklists shared with it this year. We are optimistic about 2014! The eBird Top 100 for Wicomico shows that approximately 12 residents of the county contributed eBird checklists in 2013 (vs. four in 2012). Again this year, only two observers contributed over 100 checklists, but both are county residents (vs one resident in 2012). Only 20 observers contributed 10 or more checklists during the year (down from 21 in 2012). Twenty-four birders in the eBird Top 100 are Salisbury University students; we should probably only expect a few of them to contribute again in 2014. Interestingly, Sam Dyke's personal list for Wicomico in 2013 is 205, only four species shy of the combined effort of all others reporting to eBird and nine less than the total county list (eBird plus other observations). A comparable situation exists for the all-time Wicomico list: Sam, 304; all birders combined (including Sam, of course), 309. That's a statistic that speaks for itself.

Listing Sam Dyke added one tick to his all-time high Life List to push it to 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 and his 205 best for 2013. There are no Big Days in the database for Wicomico County.

Wicomico County Life Lists (309 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Samuel H. Dyke	304	2013	Marshall Iliff	214	2011	Eddie Slaughter	175	2000
Carol Broderick	296	2012	Hans Holbrook	212	2009	Kathy Calvert	174	2013
Don Broderick	291	2003	Jim Green	209	2013	Edward Boyd	172	2012
Jim Stasz	270	2012	Ellen Lawler	204	2013	Mike Burchett	170	2013
Mike Walsh	258	2013	Dave Powell	203	2013	Jeff Culler	168	2013
Jim Brighton	253	2013	Tom Feild	200	2013	Rob Ostrowski	167	2013
Ron Gutberlet	246	2013	Joe Hanfman	193	2013	Dan Small	166	2013
John Hubbell	231	2013	Rick Blom	189	1999	Mike Ostrowski	165	2013
Bill Hubick	226	2013	Stan Arnold	188	2011	John Gregoire	164	2005
Matt Hafner	225	2013	Elaine Hendricks	179	2013	Joel Martin	159	2013
Charlie Vaughn	225	2000	Harvey Mudd	179	2011	Kevin Graff	159	2010
Gail Vaughn	225	2000	Dave Perry	177	2013	Marion Mudd	158	2011
Bob Ringler	217	2013	Mikey Lutmerding	175	2013	Tom Feild	158	2007

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

Worcester County

eBirders reported a total of 308 species in Worcester County during 2013, one more than in 2012. Clearly the highlight of the year was the results of deep water NOAA pelagic surveys that yielded only the second report for Maryland of the **Zino's/Fea's Petrel** complex, a single bird observed on 31 July by Tom Johnson, far offshore. Prior to the to the re-definition of the Maryland pelagic boundaries by the MDDCRC, this bird would not have been considered to be in "Maryland waters," but with the adoption of the "closest point of land" standard, our pelagic boundary now extends far to the south and east off the Virginia capes. Almost as exciting on the same day, Tom recorded 15 **Herald Petrels** and 25 **Black-capped Petrels**, in areas right at the 200-mile limit. The



Common Murre – Ocean City
Mark Hoffman

MDDCRC will have to sort out any boundary/distance issues. Additional black-caps were seen by Tom on July 30 (4) and Aug. 12 (5), but much more popular was the single bird observed by dozens on the Aug. 17 SeeLife Paulagics trip. Other pelagic goodies included a **White-faced Storm-Petrel** on July 30 (Tom Johnson, NOAA survey), many **Band-rumped Storm Petrels** (e.g., 42 on the Aug. 17 pelagic), and a single **Common Murre** on the Mar. 2 MD Pelagic on the Morning Star (M. Hoffman, et al.).



*Pacific Loon – Ocean City Inlet
Mark Hoffman*

Landlubbers were not unfulfilled, however. Species with fewer than ten county records reported during 2013 were: **Pacific Loon** (1, Feb. 16, Ocean City Inlet, Mikey Lutmerding, et al., second verified record); **Magnificent Frigatebird** (1, June 12, Assateague Island, Brooks Onley, only three accepted “frigatebird” records for WC); **Western Grebe** (1, Nov. 16, Assateague Island State Park, Frode Jacobsen, fourth county record); **Alder Flycatcher** (1, May 26, Vaughn-North, Mikey Lutmerding, et al., photos and audio, two or so prior documented county records); and **Western Tanager** (1, Dec. 28, Deer Run Golf Course, Ocean City CBC, Jen and Bob Elmer, second county record, the prior being one banded at the old Ocean City banding station on

Oct. 21, 1962). The latter bird, in particular, was very popular, as the first twitch-able Western Tanager in Maryland since 2001. It was a state bird for scores of birders, and was seen through the end of the year.

Lesser rarities, but exciting nonetheless, included a single **Yellow-headed Blackbird** on Dec. 28 near Newark on the OC CBC (Michael O'Brien, about 13 WC reports), and a **Le Conte's Sparrow** found Nov. 9 on North Assateague by Tom Field, Jeff Shenot and Geraldine King during the Rarities Roundup. The latter was seen by many others on Nov. 10 and 17. There are 10 accepted WC records, but this was the first report since 2003. And of course, Worcester had more than its share of **Snowy Owls**, the first being Nov. 24 near the Assateague National Seashore Ranger Station, with multiple birds continuing on the Island through the end of the year. None, however, were reported off “the Island.”

Western vagrants were light. Only three **Lark Sparrows** were reported, the single **Western Kingbird** was found on the Dec. 28 OC CBC (re-found on the 31st), and outside the two presumed breeding locations, only a single **Dickcissel** was reported (at Sunset Park), with no reports for Assateague.

New records in the arrival-departure arena were a late **Black-billed Cuckoo** (Oct. 26, Assateague, M. Burchett) and a fall-early **Cliff Swallow** on July 28 (Tom Johnson, NOAA survey, far offshore).

Records from eBird of marginally annual species include: **Eurasian Wigeon** (3), **Mute Swan** (2), **Eared Grebe** (1), **Least Bittern** (2, with a remarkable bird on the Sinepuxent Flats off north Assateague, Oct. 26, Lutmerding and Small), **Golden Eagle** (2), **Glaucous Gull** (1), **Iceland Gull** (1), **Black-headed Gull** (1), **Wilson's Phalarope** (1, a county record 3 on May 17 at Truitt's Landing, M. Burchett and B. Bangert), **Long-eared Owl** (1), and **Gull-billed Tern** (1).

Interesting new high counts for the county include: 900 **Tundra Swan** (28 Dec, Libertytown area, Gutberlet); 47 **White Ibis** (Nov. 9, Vaughn/Central, Burchett et al.); 51 **Wild Turkey** (Dec. 29, Big Mill Pond area, Hoffman), 44 **Long-billed Dowitchers** (Nov. 20, Truitt's Landing, Haas); 19 **Parasitic Jaegers** (Nov. 17, Ocean City Inlet, Burchett et al.); 19 **Marbled Godwits** (Oct. 18, Skimmer Island, Burchett et al.); and 140 **Caspian Terns** (Oct. 14, Skimmer Island, Burchett et al.).

Notable misses (per eBird) include Greater White-fronted Goose, King Eider, Red-necked Grebe, Sooty Shearwater, Broad-winged Hawk, Upland Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Bridled Tern, Cave Swallow, Gray-cheeked Thrush, and Lincoln's Sparrow. The misses are always interesting.

Listing Mark Hoffman's 361 leads in the Life List category, while his 303 Year List total from 1994 still remains the only year list on record that exceeded the magical 300 mark. Mark Hoffman and Mike Burchett each recorded 258 species for tops in 2013.

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

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

Worcester County Life Lists (396 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Mark Hoffman	361	2013	Stan Arnold	296	2011	Jeff Culler	241	2013
Jim Stasz	358	2012	J.B. Churchill	295	2013	Dave Harvey	241	2007
Samuel H. Dyke	355	2013	Kathy Fleming	294	2013	Phil Davis	236	2013
Jim Brighton	337	2013	Rob Ostrowski	294	2013	Dotty Mumford	236	2006
Michael O'Brien	336	1999	Dan Small	292	2013	David Kidwell	234	2013
Paul O'Brien	335	2013	Marcia Balestri	283	2013	Peter Osenton	230	2013
Matt Hafner	335	2013	Mike Ostrowski	282	2013	Elliot Kirschbaum	230	2013
Mary Ann Todd	331	2013	Henry Armistead	282	2013	Helen Patton	229	2013
Mike Burchett	330	2013	Jared Fisher	278	2013	Fred Fallon	228	2013
Edward Boyd	327	2012	Eddie Slaughter	277	2000	Joe Turner	227	2011
Bill Hubick	327	2013	John Gregoire	275	2005	Warren Strobel	226	2013
Mikey Lutmerding	325	2013	Lynn Davidson	274	1998	Kye Jenkins	223	2013
John Hubbell	321	2013	Jane Coskren	270	2008	Fred Shaffer	220	2013
Marshall Iliff	320	2011	Gail Vaughn	269	2000	Tim Carney	216	2013
Mike Walsh	318	2013	Charlie Vaughn	268	2000	Burton Alexander	215	2000
Kevin Graff	318	2011	David Holmes	261	1994	Michael Bowen	214	2013
Rick Blom	317	1999	Ottavio Janni	260	2001	Steve Sanford	213	2007
Bob Ringler	315	2013	Dan Haas	258	2013	Dave Perry	212	2013
Tom Feild	315	2013	Leslie Starr	257	2013	Dave Palmer	211	2013
Betsy Bangert	312	2013	Jeff Shenot	255	2013	Nico Sarbanes	211	2009
Ron Gutberlet	312	2013	John Dennehy	254	2012	Jane Fallon	209	2013
Dave Powell	309	2013	Don Meritt	253	1996	Jared Satchell	209	2011
Norm Saunders	305	2011	Joel Martin	249	2013	Rod Burley	206	2013
Hans Holbrook	303	2009	Elaine Hendricks	249	2013	Walter Ellison	206	2010
George Jett	300	2013	George Armistead	249	2003	Greg Miller	206	2000
Joe Hanfman	298	2013	Kathy Calvert	248	2013	Michael Bowen	206	2010
Fran Saunders	298	2011	Larry Bonham	246	1995	Anna Urciolo	203	2013
Jim Green	297	2013	Harvey Mudd	243	2011			

Worcester County All-time High Year Lists

Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Mark Hoffman	303	1994	Bill Hubick	259	2011	John Hubbell	240	2009
Mark Hoffman	300	1992	Mark Hoffman	259	2011	Rob Ostrowski	240	2012
Michael O'Brien	298	1994	Mark Hoffman	258	2013	Rob Ostrowski	240	2010
Michael O'Brien	295	1995	Mike Burchett	258	2013	Matt Hafner	240	2011
Mike Burchett	287	2012	Bill Hubick	258	2009	Jim Stasz	239	2004
Dave Czaplak	285	1994	Jim Stasz	256	2009	George Jett	239	1992
Michael O'Brien	284	1991	Rob Ostrowski	255	2011	Stan Arnold	238	2009
Betsy Bangert	282	2012	Dan Small	255	2010	Jared Fisher	237	2012
Matt Hafner	281	2003	Hans Holbrook	250	2004	Mike Ostrowski	237	2011
Jim Brighton	273	2010	Jim Stasz	249	1999	Mike Ostrowski	237	2010
Bill Hubick	272	2010	Jim Stasz	249	2003	Fran Saunders	237	2004
Jim Stasz	269	2000	Ron Gutberlet	247	2012	Jim Stasz	234	2002
Jim Stasz	264	2011	Kathy Fleming	246	2013	Ron Gutberlet	230	2008
Mark Hoffman	264	1991	Ron Gutberlet	246	2010	Mike Walsh	228	2010
Ron Gutberlet	263	2009	Kevin Graff	245	2009	Norm Saunders	227	2005
Jane Coskren	263	1994	Mark Hoffman	245	1995	Mike Walsh	226	2012
Jim Stasz	262	2012	Betsy Bangert	244	2013	Mike Walsh	224	2009
Mark Hoffman	260	2007	John Hubbell	244	2010	Mary Ann Todd	223	2013
Mark Hoffman	260	1993	Jim Stasz	244	2007	Edward Boyd	223	2012
Ron Gutberlet	259	2011	Norm Saunders	241	2004	Bill Hubick	223	2012

District of Columbia

2013 started off with a bang in two respects: a new-to-DC birder named Hugh McGuinness hit the scene, and he reported **White-winged Crossbills** in his neighborhood in NW DC on the first day of the year. Fortunately, numerous people got to see these wanderers, and Hugh went on to find some great birds over the course of the year. The year ended with a bang, too, when another irruptive species made an appearance – the first of several **Snowy Owls** was reported on Dec. 20 in downtown DC. The Snowy Owl was the last species to be added to the year list, which ended at a respectable 230 birds.

A query of the active DC birders resulted in this list of noteworthy birds. With respect to water birds, the best find was certainly the pair of **Red-necked Phalaropes** found by Jason Berry in Constitution Gardens in September. Many observers were able to catch up with these confiding birds and add this species to their DC list. The three **Mute Swans** found by Paul Pisano in June in Kenilworth Park was noteworthy only because they are very rare in the District and becoming less likely to show up with the reduction in the MD population. Other notables included a blue **Snow Goose** first reported by Wayne Baumgartner in December and a **Least Bittern** in Kenilworth Park in May found by Hugh.

Land birds of note include a potential DC first and a sparrow that had gone unseen in DC for decades, save for a 2012 and a 2013 sighting. The potential first (pending review by the MD/DC Record Committee) was a **Cave Swallow** found by Paul and Frank Hawkins in early November in Kenilworth Park. The super-rare sparrow was a **Henslow's Sparrow** found by Hugh in October in Kenilworth Park. Another great find for DC is **Connecticut Warbler**. Zach Slavin reported the first for the year in September in Rock Creek Park, which



*Henslow's Sparrow – Kenilworth Gardens
Wayne Baumgartner*

was rounded out by the two found in two days by Chris Tonra, also in Rock Creek Park in October during the shutdown, and found by others up to five days later. To wrap up the year, the other noteworthy land bird has been the wintering **Gray-cheeked Thrush** that was found by Frank Witebsky in the zoo in November. This is a wild bird that found its way into the Outdoor Flight Cage and has managed to survive on mealworms and other goodies from the feeder.

In closing, it's important to recognize all the top-notch, active birders in the District, and their willingness to share information and help each other find the good birds (Wallace Kornack's tireless counts at Rock Creek Park come to mind). It's also important to note how many of these unusual birds were found in Kenilworth Park in NE DC. The National Park Service is building a hiker/biker trail through the best meadow habitat of this park, as well as along the best wet woods of Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens. While it's always good to encourage access to these parks, we hope that it will not come at the expense of one of the best birding locations in the District. Guess we'll have to see what 2014 brings before we know.

Listing Paul Pisano added two birds to his top Life List total, pushing it to a new high of 282. Dave Czaplak's 240 Year List from 1983 still leads in the Year List category. Paul's 184 was the year's best in 2013.

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

District of Columbia Life Lists (331 Max)								
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Paul Pisano	282	2013	Mary Ann Todd	232	2011	Clifford Comeau	201	2011
Rob Hilton	276	2013	Jason Berry	232	2012	John Beetham	200	2007
Ottavio Janni	262	2001	Byron Swift	231	2010	Michael Jennison	189	2006
Gail Mackiernan	258	2013	John Hubbell	230	2013	Fred Fallon	182	2013
Barry Cooper	252	2011	Wayne Baumgartner	228	2013	Tony White	179	1994
Michael Bowen	249	2013	Gary Allport	225	2008	Joy Bowen	174	2010
Lisa Shannon	243	2013	Jason Berry	220	2011	Norm Saunders	166	2011
John Gregoire	238	2005	Greg Butcher	206	2012	Fran Saunders	166	2011

District of Columbia All-time High Year Lists								
Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved	Name	Total	Achieved
Dave Czaplak	240	1983	Ottavio Janni	194	1991	Rob Hilton	172	2004
Dave Czaplak	236	1982	Jason Berry	192	2012	Byron Swift	170	1982
Dave Czaplak	224	1988	Dave Czaplak	192	1994	John Beetham	168	2006
Jason Berry	218	2011	Paul Pisano	190	2009	Rob Hilton	168	2002
Ottavio Janni	217	1993	Paul Pisano	189	2002	Michael Bowen	167	2008
Dave Czaplak	217	1989	Paul Pisano	186	2005	Ottavio Janni	165	1989
Dave Czaplak	215	1987	Paul Pisano	184	2013	Byron Swift	164	1983
Gary Allport	214	2008	Paul Pisano	184	2012	Rob Hilton	162	1991
Dave Czaplak	211	1991	John Hubbell	183	2002	Michael Bowen	161	2004
Dave Czaplak	211	1986	Rob Hilton	182	1990	Rob Hilton	160	2001
Paul Pisano	210	2008	Gary Allport	181	2007	Byron Swift	159	1984
Dave Czaplak	210	1993	Paul Pisano	181	2004	Greg Butcher	158	2008
Dave Czaplak	209	1990	John Hubbell	180	2003	Greg Butcher	158	2007
Ottavio Janni	206	1992	Paul Pisano	179	2007	Michael Bowen	158	2002
Paul Pisano	203	2011	Rob Hilton	178	2003	John Hubbell	157	2004
Paul Pisano	202	2003	Paul Pisano	177	2010	Rob Hilton	155	2007
John Gregoire	201	1986	Michael Bowen	176	2001	Rob Hilton	155	2006
Paul Pisano	198	2006	Ottavio Janni	175	1991	Michael Bowen	154	2005
Dave Czaplak	198	1992	Wayne Baumgartner	173	2013	Keith Eric Costley	152	2013
Paul Pisano	197	2000	John Beetham	172	2004	Michael Bowen	151	2000

Major Regions - Life Lists						
Eastern Shore			Western Shore			
Name	Total	Submitted	Name	Total	Submitted	
Jim Stasz	391	2011	Jim Stasz	398	2011	
Mark Hoffman	376	2013	Mark Hoffman	359	2013	
Samuel H. Dyke	372	2013	Matt Hafner	351	2013	
Matt Hafner	360	2013	Bill Hubick	351	2013	
Jim Brighton	359	2013	Mike Burchett	350	2013	
Bill Hubick	355	2013	Joe Hanfman	345	2013	
John Hubbell	353	2013	John Hubbell	342	2013	
Mikey Lutmerding	346	2013	Mikey Lutmerding	341	2013	
Marshall Iliff	345	2011	Patty Craig	339	2011	
Joe Hanfman	344	2013	Dave Powell	337	2013	
Ron Gutberlet	342	2013	Dan Haas	331	2013	
Dave Powell	339	2013	Jim Brighton	330	2013	
Dave Powell	334	2011	Fred Fallon	329	2013	
Dan Small	330	2012	Marshall Iliff	328	2011	
Mike Burchett	327	2013	Dave Powell	325	2011	
Edward Boyd	326	2012	Edward Boyd	316	2012	
Dan Haas	321	2013	Elliot Kirschbaum	316	2013	
Betsy Bangert	321	2012	Rob Ostrowski	310	2013	
Rob Ostrowski	320	2013	Chuck Stirrat	310	2013	
Dave Palmer	318	2013	Keith Eric Costley	309	2013	
Dave Palmer	312	2011	Ron Gutberlet	303	2013	
Mike Ostrowski	305	2013	Jared Fisher	298	2013	
Jared Fisher	303	2013	Rob Hilton	291	2013	
Fred Fallon	296	2013	Mike Ostrowski	290	2013	
Mark Schilling	296	2013	Tim Carney	288	2013	
Sean McCandless	287	2012	Betsy Bangert	283	2012	
Jared Satchell	267	2011	Russ Ruffing	280	2013	
David Kidwell	266	2013	David Kidwell	265	2013	
Elliot Kirschbaum	260	2013	Steve Collins	264	2013	
Tim Carney	253	2013	Matt Anthony	258	2013	
Steve Collins	250	2013	Derek Hudgins	250	2013	
Chuck Stirrat	247	2013	Mark Schilling	233	2013	

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

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

Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Updated
Henry Armistead	271	2013	Matt Hafner	140	2013	Barbara Gearhart	110	2009
Jeff Shenot	236	2013	Jo Solem	140	2010	Allen Lewis	109	2013
Jim Stasz	224	2012	Danny Poet	136	2011	Carol McCollough	107	2013
Marshall Iliff	221	2013	Dave Webb	135	2010	Bob Ringler	107	2012
Patty Craig	218	2013	Jane Kostenko	131	2013	Ron Gutberlet	103	2013
Dennis Kirkwood	203	2013	Jane Fallon	131	2013	Harvey Mudd	103	2011
Les Roslund	194	2013	Fred Fallon	131	2013	Duval Sollers	101	2013
Bonnie Ott	180	2011	Andy Wilson	130	2012	Mike Kerwin	98	2013
Wayne Bell	171	2010	J. Tyler Bell	129	2012	David Kidwell	96	2013
Mark Schilling	170	2013	Stephen Ford	126	2012	Tim Carney	96	2013
Don Broderick	169	2003	Chuck Stirrat	125	2013	Joy Bowen	93	2010
Rod Burley	168	2013	Joe Hanfman	125	2013	Michael Bowen	93	2010
Samuel H. Dyke	167	2011	J.B. Churchill	122	2012	Diane Ford	90	2013
Carol Broderick	167	2011	Kye Jenkins	120	2013	Elaine Hendricks	90	2012
George Jett	166	2013	Lou Nielsen	119	2013	Joy Peters	87	2009
Sean McCandless	165	2013	Kurt Schwarz	119	2013	Ross Geredien	79	2013
Paul O'Brien	165	2013	Derek Richardson	118	2013	Warren Strobel	78	2013
Walter Ellison	164	2010	Keith Eric Costley	117	2013	Warren Strobel	75	2011
Dan Haas	163	2013	Andy Martin	116	2013	Leo Weigant	74	2012
Russ Ruffing	159	2013	Jim Nelson	116	2013	Tomas Dahlen	74	2012
Bill Hubick	153	2013	Clifford Comeau	116	2011	Derek Hudgins	74	2012
Mikey Lutmerding	150	2013	Norm Saunders	115	2011	Jared Satchell	74	2011
Jon Corcoran	148	2013	Fran Saunders	115	2011	Winger West	74	2010
Stan Arnold	148	2011	Dan Small	115	2010	Evelyn Ralston	72	2013
Marcia Balestri	144	2013	Phil Davis	113	2012	Jeff Culler	71	2013
Peter Osenton	142	2013	Byron Swift	112	2010	Michael O'Sullivan	67	2012
Don Simonson	140	2012	Ellen Lawler	111	2013	Rob Hilton	64	2013

Yard Life Lists, by County			
Name	County	Total	Updated
<i>J.B Churchill</i>	<i>Allegany</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Marshall Iliff</i>	<i>Anne Arundel</i>	<i>221</i>	<i>2013</i>
Dan Haas	Anne Arundel	163	2013
Bill Hubick	Anne Arundel	153	2013
Stan Arnold	Anne Arundel	148	2011
Peter Osenton	Anne Arundel	142	2013
Phil Davis	Anne Arundel	113	2012
Ross Geredien	Anne Arundel	79	2013
Warren Strobel	Anne Arundel	78	2013
Warren Strobel	Anne Arundel	75	2011
Leo Weigant	Anne Arundel	74	2012
Winger West	Anne Arundel	74	2010
Ed Carlson	Anne Arundel	51	2009
<i>Jon Corcoran</i>	<i>Baltimore</i>	<i>148</i>	<i>2013</i>
Kye Jenkins	Baltimore	120	2013
Lou Nielsen	Baltimore	119	2013
Keith Eric Costley	Baltimore	117	2013
Duvall Sollers	Baltimore	101	2013
Tim Carney	Baltimore	96	2013
Tomas Dahlen	Baltimore	74	2012
Derek Hudgins	Baltimore	74	2012
Benjamin DeHaven	Baltimore	62	2013
Saundra Byrd	Baltimore	60	2013
<i>Jim Stasz</i>	<i>Calvert</i>	<i>224</i>	<i>2012</i>
Jane Fallon	Calvert	131	2013
Fred Fallon	Calvert	131	2013
<i>Bob Ringler</i>	<i>Carroll</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>2012</i>
<i>Sean McCandless</i>	<i>Cecil</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>2013</i>
Parke John	Cecil	144	2008
<i>George Jett</i>	<i>Charles</i>	<i>166</i>	<i>2013</i>
<i>Byron Swift</i>	<i>District of Col.</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>2010</i>
John Hubbell	District of Col.	78	2013
<i>Norm Saunders</i>	<i>Dorchester</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Fran Saunders</i>	<i>Dorchester</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Marcia Balestri</i>	<i>Frederick</i>	<i>144</i>	<i>2013</i>
Andy Wilson	Frederick	130	2012
Barbara Gearhart	Frederick	110	2009
<i>Dennis Kirkwood</i>	<i>Harford</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>2013</i>
Matt Hafner	Harford	140	2013
Dave Webb	Harford	135	2010

Yard Life Lists, by County			
Name	County	Total	Updated
<i>Bonnie Ott</i>	<i>Howard</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>2011</i>
Russ Ruffing	Howard	159	2013
Jo Solem	Howard	140	2010
Chuck Stirrat	Howard	125	2013
Joe Hanfman	Howard	125	2013
Kurt Schwarz	Howard	119	2013
Allen Lewis	Howard	109	2013
Mike Kerwin	Howard	98	2013
Kevin Heffernan	Howard	81	2003
Jeff Culler	Howard	71	2013
Michael O'Sullivan	Howard	67	2012
Howard Patterson	Howard	51	2012
<i>Walter Ellison</i>	<i>Kent</i>	<i>164</i>	<i>2010</i>
<i>Paul O'Brien</i>	<i>Montgomery</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>2013</i>
Don Simonson	Montgomery	140	2012
Andy Martin	Montgomery	116	2013
Jim Nelson	Montgomery	116	2013
Harvey Mudd	Montgomery	103	2011
David Kidwell	Montgomery	96	2013
Michael Bowen	Montgomery	93	2010
Diane Ford	Montgomery	90	2013
<i>Jeff Shenot</i>	<i>Prince George's</i>	<i>236</i>	<i>2013</i>
Rod Burley	Prince George's	168	2013
Mikey Lutmerding	Prince George's	150	2013
Derek Richardson	Prince George's	118	2013
Clifford Comeau	Prince George's	116	2011
Elaine Hendricks	Prince George's	90	2012
<i>Mark Schilling</i>	<i>Queen Anne's</i>	<i>170</i>	<i>2013</i>
Danny Poet	Queen Anne's	136	2011
Dan Small	Queen Anne's	115	2010
<i>Patty Craig</i>	<i>St. Mary's</i>	<i>218</i>	<i>2013</i>
Kyle Rambo	St. Mary's	156	2008
Jane Kostenko	St. Mary's	131	2013
J. Tyler Bell	St. Mary's	129	2012
<i>Henry Armistead</i>	<i>Talbot</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>2013</i>
Les Roslund	Talbot	194	2013
Wayne Bell	Talbot	171	2010
Stephen Ford	Talbot	126	2012
Carol McCollough	Talbot	107	2013
Jared Satchell	Talbot	74	2011
<i>Samuel H. Dyke</i>	<i>Wicomico</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>2011</i>
<i>Carol Broderick</i>	<i>Wicomico</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>2011</i>
Ellen Lawler	Wicomico	111	2013
Ron Gutberlet	Wicomico	103	2013

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

All-time High Yard Year Lists, Statewide

Name	County	Total	Achieved	Name	County	Total	Achieved	Name	County	Total	Achieved
Jeff Shenot	PG	188	2007	Rod Burley	PG	137	2008	Les Roslund	Talbot	116	2010
Jeff Shenot	PG	173	2008	Parke John	Cecil	136	2003	George Jett	Charles	115	1995
Henry Armistead	Talbot	172	1996	Rod Burley	PG	136	2004	Russ Ruffing	Howard	115	2011
Jeff Shenot	PG	171	2010	Mark Schilling	QAnne	135	2012	Mark Schilling	QAnne	115	2011
Henry Armistead	Talbot	171	1995	Patty Craig	St. Mary's	133	2000	Bonnie Ott	Howard	114	1992
Jeff Shenot	PG	169	2009	Bonnie Ott	Howard	130	1994	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	2010
Jeff Shenot	PG	168	2005	Marcia Watson	Cecil	129	1999	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	2002
Henry Armistead	Talbot	168	2006	Patty Craig	St. Mary's	129	2011	Chan Robbins	PG	114	2001
Jeff Shenot	PG	165	2012	Les Roslund	Talbot	129	2003	Wayne Bell	Talbot	114	2008
Jeff Shenot	PG	164	2011	Rod Burley	PG	128	2003	Les Roslund	Talbot	114	2002
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	163	2001	Patty Craig	St. Mary's	127	2012	Bill Hubick	AA	113	2007
Henry Armistead	Talbot	163	1992	George Jett	Charles	126	2004	Les Roslund	Talbot	113	2009
Jeff Shenot	PG	162	2013	Les Roslund	Talbot	126	2001	Bonnie Ott	Howard	112	1993
Henry Armistead	Talbot	162	1999	Les Roslund	Talbot	125	2008	Wayne Bell	Talbot	112	2004
Jeff Shenot	PG	160	2006	Les Roslund	Talbot	125	2005	Bill Hubick	AA	111	2011
Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	2005	Bonnie Ott	Howard	124	2001	Marcia Watson	Cecil	111	1996
Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	2004	Bonnie Ott	Howard	124	1999	George Jett	Charles	111	2006
Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	2003	Stan Arnold	AA	122	2008	Bill Hubick	AA	110	2009
Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	1993	Bonnie Ott	Howard	122	2000	Sean McCandless	Cecil	110	2012
Henry Armistead	Talbot	159	2008	Walter Ellison	Kent	122	2004	Barbara Gearhart	Fred	110	2009
Henry Armistead	Talbot	159	2007	Chan Robbins	PG	122	1994	George Jett	Charles	109	2009
Henry Armistead	Talbot	159	2000	Les Roslund	Talbot	122	2006	Chan Robbins	PG	109	1997
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	158	2002	Les Roslund	Talbot	121	2000	Wayne Bell	Talbot	109	2005
Henry Armistead	Talbot	157	1998	Rod Burley	PG	120	2002	George Jett	Charles	108	1994
Henry Armistead	Talbot	157	1997	Rod Burley	PG	120	2001	George Jett	Charles	108	2003
Henry Armistead	Talbot	156	2010	Chan Robbins	PG	120	1995	Chan Robbins	PG	108	1999
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	154	1998	Les Roslund	Talbot	120	2011	Marcia Watson	Cecil	107	2000
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	154	1996	Marcia Watson	Cecil	119	1998	Andy Wilson	Fred	107	unknown
Henry Armistead	Talbot	154	1994	Matt Hafner	Harford	119	2012	Chan Robbins	PG	107	1996
Henry Armistead	Talbot	153	2009	Walter Ellison	Kent	119	2006	Wayne Bell	Talbot	107	2003
Marshall Iliff	AA	152	1990	Stan Arnold	AA	118	2009	Danny Poet	QAnne	106	2007
Henry Armistead	Talbot	152	2011	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2007	Wayne Bell	Talbot	106	2002
Chan Robbins	PG	151	1954	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2005	Marcia Watson	Cecil	105	2003
Henry Armistead	Talbot	151	2012	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2003	George Jett	Charles	105	2005
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	149	2004	Les Roslund	Talbot	118	2013	Norm Saunders	Dorch	105	1991
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	147	1995	Les Roslund	Talbot	118	2012	Chan Robbins	PG	105	1998
Dan Haas	AA	146	2012	Les Roslund	Talbot	118	2004	Mark Schilling	QAnne	105	2013
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	146	2013	Jon Corcoran	Balt	117	2013	Wayne Bell	Talbot	105	2009
Russ Ruffing	Howard	143	2013	Jon Corcoran	Balt	117	2012	George Jett	Charles	104	2008
Rod Burley	PG	143	2006	Marcia Watson	Cecil	117	1997	Norm Saunders	Dorch	104	1990
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	141	2006	George Jett	Charles	117	1992	Dave Webb	Harford	104	2000
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	141	1994	Matt Hafner	Harford	117	2013	Danny Poet	QAnne	104	2008
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	140	1999	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	2010	Greg Miller	St. Mary's	104	1999
Patty Craig	St. Mary's	140	1997	Les Roslund	Talbot	117	2007	Peter Osenton	AA	103	1999
Dan Haas	AA	139	2013	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	2007	Dave Webb	Harford	103	2005
Marshall Iliff	AA	139	1992	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	2006	Ward Ebert	Howard	103	1996
Rod Burley	PG	139	2005	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	2001	Rod Burley	PG	103	2011
Rod Burley	PG	138	2012	Bill Hubick	AA	116	2008	Wayne Bell	Talbot	103	2000
Russ Ruffing	Howard	137	2012	George Jett	Charles	116	2001	Sean McCandless	Cecil	102	2013

All-time High Yard Year Lists, by County

Name	County	Total	Achieved	Name	County	Total	Achieved	Name	County	Total	Achieved
J.B Churchill	All'y	67	2012	Marcia Watson	Cecil	117	1997	Bonnie Ott	How	114	1992
J.B. Churchill	All'y	66	2008	Marcia Watson	Cecil	111	1996	Bonnie Ott	How	112	1993
J.B. Churchill	All'y	58	2006	Sean McCandless	Cecil	110	2012	Walter Ellison	Kent	122	2004
J.B. Churchill	All'y	57	2009	Marcia Watson	Cecil	107	2000	Walter Ellison	Kent	119	2006
Penny Knobel-Besa	All'y	52	1998	Marcia Watson	Cecil	105	2003	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2007
Marshall Iliff	AA	152	1990	Sean McCandless	Cecil	102	2013	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2005
Dan Haas	AA	146	2012	Marcia Watson	Cecil	101	2004	Walter Ellison	Kent	118	2003
Dan Haas	AA	139	2013	George Jett	Charls	126	2004	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	2010
Marshall Iliff	AA	139	1992	George Jett	Charls	117	1992	Walter Ellison	Kent	114	2002
Stan Arnold	AA	122	2008	George Jett	Charls	116	2001	Paul O'Brien	Mont	97	1997
Stan Arnold	AA	118	2009	George Jett	Charls	115	1995	David Kidwell	Mont	96	2013
Bill Hubick	AA	116	2008	George Jett	Charls	111	2006	Paul O'Brien	Mont	95	2000
Bill Hubick	AA	113	2007	George Jett	Charls	109	2009	Paul O'Brien	Mont	95	1993
Bill Hubick	AA	111	2011	George Jett	Charls	108	1994	Paul O'Brien	Mont	92	1994
Bill Hubick	AA	110	2009	George Jett	Charls	108	2003	Paul O'Brien	Mont	91	1992
Peter Osenton	AA	103	1999	George Jett	Charls	105	2005	Paul O'Brien	Mont	90	2002
Stan Arnold	AA	101	2011	George Jett	Charls	104	2008	Andy Martin	Mont	87	2006
Peter Osenton	AA	101	2010	George Jett	Charls	100	1993	Paul O'Brien	Mont	87	1999
Peter Osenton	AA	101	2008	John Hubbell	DC	27	2012	Jeff Shenot	PG	188	2007
Stan Arnold	AA	101	2007	Norm Saunders	Dorch	105	1991	Jeff Shenot	PG	173	2008
Stan Arnold	AA	101	2006	Norm Saunders	Dorch	104	1990	Jeff Shenot	PG	171	2010
Jon Corcoran	Balt	117	2013	Norm Saunders	Dorch	101	1989	Jeff Shenot	PG	169	2009
Jon Corcoran	Balt	117	2012	Norm Saunders	Dorch	100	1988	Jeff Shenot	PG	168	2005
Shirley Geddes	Balt	98	1999	Norm Saunders	Dorch	96	1992	Jeff Shenot	PG	165	2012
Keith Eric Costley	Balt	86	2012	Fran Saunders	Dorch	91	2001	Jeff Shenot	PG	164	2011
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	70	1994	Norm Saunders	Dorch	90	2002	Jeff Shenot	PG	162	2013
Tim Carney	Balt	67	2013	Norm Saunders	Dorch	90	2001	Jeff Shenot	PG	160	2006
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	67	1996	Barbara Gearhart	Fred	110	2009	Chan Robbins	PG	151	1954
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	64	1993	Andy Wilson	Fred	107	unknown	Rod Burley	PG	143	2006
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	63	1995	Marcia Balestri	Fred	100	2013	Rod Burley	PG	139	2005
Keith Eric Costley	Balt	62	2013	David Wallace	Fred	100	2001	Rod Burley	PG	138	2012
Tim Carney	Balt	61	2012	David Wallace	Fred	96	2000	Rod Burley	PG	137	2008
Jim Highsaw	Balt	61	1999	Marcia Balestri	Fred	93	2002	Rod Burley	PG	136	2004
Linda Prentice	Balt	61	1999	David Wallace	Fred	92	1995	Rod Burley	PG	128	2003
Eddie Slaughter	Balt	57	1992	Matt Hafner	Harf	119	2012	Chan Robbins	PG	122	1994
Benjamin DeHaven	Balt	56	2013	Matt Hafner	Harf	117	2013	Rod Burley	PG	120	2002
Phyllis Grimm	Balt	56	1992	Dave Webb	Harf	104	2000	Rod Burley	PG	120	2001
Jim Highsaw	Balt	55	1997	Dave Webb	Harf	103	2005	Chan Robbins	PG	120	1995
Linda Prentice	Balt	55	1997	Dave Webb	Harf	96	2002	Chan Robbins	PG	114	2001
Fred Fallon	Calvert	99	2013	Dave Webb	Harf	95	1998	Chan Robbins	PG	109	1997
Fred Fallon	Calvert	96	2012	Dave Webb	Harf	87	2001	Chan Robbins	PG	108	1999
Fred Fallon	Calvert	89	2009	Matt Hafner	Harf	84	2011	Chan Robbins	PG	107	1996
Dave Harvey	Carroll	76	2000	Dave Webb	Harf	84	1999	Mark Schilling	QA	135	2012
Dave Harvey	Carroll	70	1994	Russ Ruffing	How	143	2013	Mark Schilling	QA	115	2011
Dave Harvey	Carroll	70	1992	Russ Ruffing	How	137	2012	Danny Poet	QA	106	2007
Dave Harvey	Carroll	67	2005	Bonnie Ott	How	130	1994	Mark Schilling	QA	105	2013
Bob Ringler	Carroll	49	2003	Bonnie Ott	How	124	2001	Danny Poet	QA	104	2008
Parke John	Cecil	136	2003	Bonnie Ott	How	124	1999	Danny Poet	QA	100	2006
Marcia Watson	Cecil	129	1999	Bonnie Ott	How	122	2000	Danny Poet	QA	99	2009
Marcia Watson	Cecil	119	1998	Russ Ruffing	How	115	2011	Danny Poet	QA	98	2010

All-time High Yard Year Lists, by County (page 2)

Name	County	Total	Achieved	Name	County	Total	Achieved	Name	County	Total	Achieved
Patty Craig	StMry	163	2001	Henry Armistead	Talbot	172	1996	Les Roslund	Talbot	126	2001
Patty Craig	StMry	158	2002	Henry Armistead	Talbot	171	1995	Les Roslund	Talbot	125	08, 05
Patty Craig	StMry	154	1998	Henry Armistead	Talbot	168	2006	Les Roslund	Talbot	122	2006
Patty Craig	StMry	154	1996	Henry Armistead	Talbot	163	1992	Les Roslund	Talbot	121	2000
Patty Craig	StMry	149	2004	Henry Armistead	Talbot	162	1999	Les Roslund	Talbot	120	2011
Patty Craig	StMry	147	1995	Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	2005	Les Roslund	Talbot	118	12, 04
Patty Craig	StMry	146	2013	Henry Armistead	Talbot	160	04, 03, 93	Les Roslund	Talbot	117	2007
Patty Craig	StMry	141	2006	Henry Armistead	Talbot	159	00	Wayne Bell	Talbot	117	01
Patty Craig	StMry	141	1994	Henry Armistead	Talbot	156	2010	Hans Holbrook	Wash	59	2007
Patty Craig	StMry	140	1999	Henry Armistead	Talbot	154	1994	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	83	2012
Patty Craig	StMry	140	1997	Henry Armistead	Talbot	153	2009	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	67	2008
Patty Craig	StMry	133	2000	Henry Armistead	Talbot	152	2011	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	65	2013
Patty Craig	StMry	129	2011	Henry Armistead	Talbot	151	2012	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	61	2009
Patty Craig	StMry	127	2012	Les Roslund	Talbot	129	2003	Ron Gutberlet	Wico	61	2011

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Species Photographed in MD - Life Lists			Species Photographed in MD - Year Lists		
Name	Total	Updated	Name	Total	Achieved
George Jett	395	2013	George Jett	307	2008
Jim Stasz	392	2012	Mike Burchett	303	2012
Mark Hoffman	389	2013	Joe Turner	284	2011
Bill Hubick	379	2013	Tim Carney	268	2013
Mikey Lutmerding	373	2013	George Jett	258	2005
Mike Burchett	369	2013	Jared Fisher	255	2012
Jeff Culler	326	2013	Sean McCandless	247	2007
Jared Fisher	324	2013	Sean McCandless	244	2013
Sean McCandless	320	2013	Joshua Emm	239	2013
Rob Ostrowski	319	2013	Victoria Fisher	235	2012
Dave Brenneman	311	2013	Sean McCandless	229	2012
Joe Turner	308	2011	Jon Corcoran	210	2012
Patty Craig	286	2013	George Jett	210	2006
Sean McCandless	271	2007	Benjamin DeHaven	208	2013
Tim Carney	270	2013	Joe Turner	201	2009
Patty Craig	269	2011	George Jett	193	2007
Jon Corcoran	255	2012	Evelyn Ralston	185	2013
Nico Sarbanes	253	2009	Keith Eric Costley	169	2012
Arlene Ripley	252	2006	Gary Smyle	158	2004
Evelyn Ralston	239	2013	Patty Craig	151	2013
Joshua Emm	239	2013	Evelyn Ralston	151	2011
Victoria Fisher	235	2012	Evelyn Ralston	150	2012
Paul Nistico	229	2005	Jeff Culler	142	2009
Warren Strobel	227	2013	Joe Turner	139	2010
Benjamin DeHaven	226	2013	Dave Brenneman	119	2008
Fred Fallon	221	2013	Evelyn Ralston	108	2010
J. Tyler Bell	220	2013	George Jett	107	2009
Matt Tillett	219	2010	Kurt Schwarz	96	2011
Bob Ringler	210	2011	Danny Poet	93	2010
Danny Poet	207	2011	Evelyn Ralston	88	2009
John Hubbell	205	2012	Keith Eric Costley	75	2013

What Birders Had to Say About 2013!

This section includes the comments and/or new Maryland Life Birds that were submitted by many but not all participants, in alphabetical order by last name. When included, new Maryland Life Birds observed in 2013 are listed first.

Matt Anthony

Harlequin Duck, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Red Crossbill, Nashville Warbler, White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll, Say's Phoebe, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, American Woodcock, Bullock's Oriole, Yellow-headed Blackbird, American Pipit, Pectoral Sandpiper, Northern Waterthrush, Blue-winged Warbler, Worm-eating Warbler, Black-billed Cuckoo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Least Flycatcher, Kentucky Warbler, Ring-necked Pheasant, Cliff Swallow, Bank Swallow, Painted Bunting, King Rail, Common Gallinule, Willow Flycatcher, Tricolored Heron, Willet, Saltmarsh Sparrow, Seaside Sparrow, Little Blue Heron, Dickcissel, American Avocet, Short-billed Dowitcher, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Swallow-tailed Kite, Broad-winged Hawk, Common Raven, Stilt Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, American Golden-Plover, Long-billed Dowitcher, Lincoln's Sparrow, Snow Bunting, Marbled Godwit, Snowy Owl, Rough-legged Hawk

This year was a very productive and exciting birding year for me. As usual, my birding time was split between several locations due to my schooling. This year, I was in St. Mary's County from January to May finishing my B.A., in Harford during breaks and the summer, and in Dauphin County, PA after August beginning my M.A. During the beginning of the year, I spent a lot of time birding St. Mary's County trying to pick up some remaining county birds since I wouldn't be spending as much time there in the future. I birded a lot with Patty Craig and saw a lot of awesome birds, especially the American White Pelicans at The Elms, as well as my county Wood Duck which had been a longtime nemesis bird for some reason. Unfortunately, I missed many great state rarities in January and February because of my car situation, but Patty and I were able to successfully chase the Say's Phoebe. That bird proved especially frustrating, giving us only brief in-flight looks despite hours of searching. Undoubtedly one of the biggest highlights of 2013 for me was meeting and becoming friends with Josh Emm. It has been really fun to get to know Josh, support his Harford Big Year, and bird with him a lot! During the winter months of 2013, Josh and I were able to enjoy the winter finch invasion year. We also tried our first Big Day, a February effort in St. Mary's. In the spring, I was able to see Dennis Kirkwood's long-staying Bullock's Oriole and also spend a lot of time birding Susquehanna State Park, getting many life warblers in the process. Over the summer, Josh and I chased the beautiful male Painted Bunting in PG County and also made our first summer trip to Worcester County, which resulted in many life birds for both of us. For much of the fall and winter, I was a Pennsylvania birder, but I still tried to bird Maryland whenever I was in town. This included my first visit to Swan Creek on one of Tim Carney's trips. I had a very productive winter break as well, adding Snowy Owl, Rough-legged Hawk, Snow Bunting and Barnacle Goose to my Harford list in just a few short weeks. The Snowy Owl invasion this winter had probably been my personal highlight of 2013. In addition to watching the many reports from all over the region, I was lucky enough to get my life SNOW (Lifer #300) at home in HarCo. After journeying to Bombay Hook in search of the Snowy reported there, I got a call from Josh that one had been found in Harford County literally a few miles from where we had left that morning. After a treacherous drive back in the snow, I had perfect views of the Snowy Owl sitting on a piece of farm equipment in the snow. The bird was kind enough to stay long enough for me to see it three more times. I ended the year solidly, enjoying the Harford Barnacle Geese twice from different locations. Oddly enough, even though Barnacle Goose was by far the rarest ABA area bird I saw in 2013, it was not among the many lifers I had this year. Finally, 2013 also saw me reach a number of personal milestones, including surpassing 200 species in two counties (Harford and St. Mary's), and surpassing 300 birds on my life list. Here's to another great birding year in 2014!

Marcia Balestri

Say's Phoebe, Bullock's Oriole, Franklin's Gull, Parasitic Jaeger, Western Tanager

Betsy Bangert

Western Tanager, Swallow-tailed Kite, Pacific Loon, Bullock's Oriole, Say's Phoebe

Wayne Baumgartner

Some of the best DC birds seen this year include the Red-Necked Phalarope seen at incredibly close distances at the Constitution Gardens Pond, the Henslow's Sparrow seen at Kenilworth Park, and a Short-eared Owl flushed at very close range at KP. DC nemesis birds seen by me this year also include the Blue Goose seen on the Potomac in December, a Horned Lark seen at the Washington Monument, and a Red-headed Woodpecker at the National Zoo.

J. Tyler Bell

Bullock's Oriole, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, Western Tanager

Having missed the Magic Pelagic in August, 2012, I was glad to be able to do the August, 2013 trip. Not quite the same productivity but still easily saw Band-rumped Storm-Petrels and the best bird of the trip, Black-capped Petrel. Wrapped up the year with Jen Elmer's Western Tanager near Ocean City. Also, relocated the drake Barrow's Goldeneye on the Pt. Lookout CBC for the third year in a row with some scouting help from Mikey Lutmerding who found it the day before the count.

Mike Bowen

Barrow's Goldeneye, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Swallow-tailed Kite, Sedge Wren

Mike Burchett

Say's Phoebe, Bullock's Oriole, Pacific Loon, Western Tanager

Rod Burley

Painted Bunting

Kathy Calvert

Western Tanager, Black-capped Petrel, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Mississippi Kite, Pacific Loon, Bullock's Oriole, Say's Phoebe

Getting a new state bird is always a treasured, excitable moment, and there were seven of those for me this year. I've especially enjoyed the Snowy Owl irruption, and adding very nice views of these birds to several of my county lists. It's been a good year for branching out and becoming more aware of other things out there, thanks to Bill Hubick and Jim Brighton, although I don't think I'm a very quick learner. My best times are when I'm out there birding and chasing birds with Marcia B, Mike W (either one), and/or Jim G. Running into other birder-friends in the field at unexpected places or times is always a pleasure. Wish I could be out there more!

Tim Carney

Harlequin Duck, Razorbill, Dovekie, American White Pelican, Say's Phoebe, Greater White-fronted Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, Bullock's Oriole, Ross's Goose, Barn Owl, Red Knot, Painted Bunting, Whimbrel, Sandwich Tern, Piping Plover, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Black-capped Petrel, Cory's Shearwater, Audubon's Shearwater, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Swallow-tailed Kite, Philadelphia Vireo, Clay-colored Sparrow, Common Eider, Great Cormorant, Sedge Wren, Northern Shrike, Snowy Owl, Rough-legged Hawk, Barnacle Goose, Western Tanager

This year I set two goals for myself in MD: 300 species and all the regular warblers. On 9/8/2013 I simultaneously achieved both goals when #300, a Connecticut Warbler, revealed itself at Woodlawn Wildlife

Area in Cecil County. This was a great year for me filled with awesome birds and great people, and I filled in most of the gaps in terms of "expected" MD birds that I was missing. My personal highlights: Searching for winter finches at Soldier's Delight and scanning Loch Raven for waterfowl in January/February; all the odd birds (and odder people) at Southwest Area Park in March/April; incredible evenings at Swan Harbor and Black Marsh in April when all the rails and bitterns were vocalizing; the huge fallouts around May 8-10 (after the agonizing delayed start of spring migration) when I got an 81-species checklist at Swan Creek, witnessed a rain-induced fallout at Patterson Park, and had an overwhelming warbler morning at Holt Park; spring at Susquehanna; trips out west to Garrett and Allegany in May/June searching for breeders; June in Worcester; midsummer storm-induced shorebird fallouts at Swan Creek; the Poplar Island trip in late August; Cromwell Valley Park's surprising abundance of warblers in August/September, including the reliable Connecticut Warblers; Turkey Point in September; warbler fallouts in Garrett and Allegany in late September/early October; the sparrow rarities at Hydes Road Park in October; watching a Short-eared Owl flying over the ocean at the Rarity Roundup; finding a Northern Shrike at Finzel in November; and the unprecedented Snowy Owl invasion of December. Thanks to my core group for putting up with my listing insanity and for always being ready for a good chase. Good luck to everyone in 2014!

Karen Caruso

I finally succumbed to the lure of listing this year. I've been an active volunteer participating in surveys and bird banding projects - been on bird walks, field trips, boat trips - all without creating lists of my own. My favorite birding buddy, Leo Weigant, finally convinced me - so here's my first Maryland life list, clocking in at 232.

J.B. Churchill

Bullock's Oriole, Western Tanager

Steve Collins

Ring-necked Pheasant, Rough-legged Hawk, Sandhill Crane, Barnacle Goose
I expect this game would be easier if I lived closer to MD!

Jon Corcoran

MD 2013 was a local birding year ONLY for me, but there were some good birds with 200 species in my local home area: Common Redpoll, White-winged Crossbill, all three Scoters, Orange-crowned Warbler, nesting Prothonotary Warblers, Vesper Sparrow... Another productive year of Baltimore County yard birds with a 16 warbler day May 10th, Snow Geese in December, Fall migration with Philly Vireo, Blackburnian, Tennessee, Bay-breasted, Blue-winged, and more.

Keith Costley

Rufous Hummingbird, American Avocet, Bullock's Oriole, Ross's Goose, Say's Phoebe
Sharing the location of four very cooperative, tolerant Long-eared Owls in Baltimore County. It was amazing that so many birders got to see these typically shy birds.

Patty Craig

None. All the life birds I tried for I missed or had fly-by views which I did not count.

I added 3 new species to my St. Mary's Life list which is quite a feat! They were American White Pelican, Black-bellied Whistling-Duck and Pacific Loon. The Pacific Loon was the most exciting! Thanks to Mikey and incredible timing we were both able to get flight photos with Common and Pacific Loons in the same frame. I also felt very fortunate to find a Snowy Owl at Pt. Lookout State Park after missing one while on a Florida trip. After comparing photos I discovered the one I found was a different individual than the previous one.

Jeff Culler

Black-throated Gray Warbler, Northern Lapwing, Bullock's Oriole, Common Murre, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Leach's Storm-Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, Western Tanager

What a fantastic year! Starting with such rarities as Bullock's Oriole, Black-throated Gray Warbler and Northern Lapwing then ending with a Snowy Owl invasion and a Western Tanager. Wow! The birds were great, but even better were the many new and enthusiastic birders I met along the birding trails and stakeouts. May 2014 bring you health, happiness, and lots of great birding experiences.

Warren David Cummings

Glossy Ibis, lesser Black-backed Gull, Glaucous Gull, Rufous Hummingbird, Henslow's Sparrow, Painted Bunting

Phil Davis

Bullock's Oriole

Benjamin DeHaven

Rough-legged Hawk, Snowy Owl, Purple Sandpiper, Ruddy Turnstone, American Tree Sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Tricolored Heron, Le Conte's Sparrow, Nelson's Sparrow, Bobolink, Savannah Sparrow, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Tennessee Warbler, Black-capped Petrel, Band-rumped Storm-Petrel, Leach's Storm-Petrel, Audubon's Shearwater, Cory's Shearwater, Wilson's Storm-Petrel, Swallow-tailed Kite, Painted Bunting, Bank Swallow, Grasshopper Sparrow, Summer Tanager, Wilson's Phalarope, Worm-eating Warbler, Acadian Flycatcher, Prothonotary Warbler, Canada Warbler, Veery, Warbling Vireo, Rusty Blackbird, Rufous Hummingbird, Wilson's Snipe, Ross's Goose, Long-eared Owl, Bullock's Oriole, Trumpeter Swan, Greater White-fronted Goose, American White Pelican, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Horned Lark, Canvasback, Say's Phoebe, Common Raven, Red-headed Woodpecker, American Oystercatcher, Red-throated Loon, Black-bellied Plover, Sanderling, Surf Scoter, Northern Pintail, Long-tailed Duck, Red-breasted Merganser, Northern Shoveler, Pileated Woodpecker, White-winged Crossbill, Common Goldeneye, Cackling Goose, Tundra Swan, Common Redpoll, Harlequin Duck

Watching the Swallow-tailed Kite in Washington County was the highlight of my year, that bird was so amazingly graceful! The Snowy Owl takes a close second, it didn't do much besides stare and preen, but it had such presence!

Fred Fallon

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

Jared Fisher

Black-throated Gray Warbler, Say's Phoebe, Bullock's Oriole, Northern Lapwing, Pacific Loon, Black-legged Kittiwake, Snowy Owl, Western Tanager

Rarities always make the year-end highlight reel, and my favorite this year was probably the Talbot Co. Northern Lapwing. What a crazy cool bird! Most of my time on the eastern shore this year was spent in Dorchester County. I had a lot of fun exploring some lesser known birding spots. Taylor's Island rocked during Fall migration and you can't quite beat a sunrise/sunset in the marsh. I'm not entirely sure what the plan is for 2014, but I'm totally stoked!

Victoria Fisher

Long-eared Owl, Harlequin Duck

Kathy Fleming

Common Redpoll, Say's Phoebe, Bullock's Oriole, Pacific Loon, Little Gull, Connecticut Warbler, Parasitic Jaeger, Western Tanager

Diane Ford

Wilson's Phalarope, Painted Bunting

Well, all my sightings are favorite sightings! The Tricolored Heron at Pennyfield Lock, first spotted by Susan Hunt, was nice. Every trip to Hart Miller Island is rewarding. A 2013 March trip to Blackwater was a lot of fun. Wilson's Phalarope at Swan Creek was a highlight, as was the Painted Bunting on Annapolis Trail.

Ross Geredien

Piping Plover; Nelson's Sparrow; Snowy Owl; Western Tanager

My favorite day of birding this year had to be Memorial Day, the one day that I totally dedicated to birding (in the ABA area) this year. I had missed much of spring migration because I was in Peru during late April and early May. I arrived at Elliott Island marshes just before dawn to perfect conditions: 59 degrees, zero wind, a light mist over the marshes. I got my first ever photos of Saltmarsh Sparrows. Elliott Island, Ocean City and Skimmer Island all in one day definitely added big numbers to my year list total. The day was phenomenal, perfect late spring weather with temps in the 70's. I finally found my first Piping Plover in Maryland on the beach near one of the cages about 1/2 mile north of Assateague State Park. This had to be my favorite sighting of the year. 2014 is off to a much better start, so I hope this is a good omen for getting out more this year. The next best had to be seeing the Snowy Owl from Hemingway's on Christmas Eve, another Maryland first for me, while my wife and I were on our way to see our family in New Jersey. Julie was also delighted to see the owl so easily. Nothing like boreal birds on the Eastern Shore for Christmas!

Jim Green

Bullock's Oriole, Western Tanager

Ron Gutberlet

Bullock's Oriole, Western Tanager

Another fun year of Maryland birding, although my listing gains were modest all around. I spent a decent amount of time birding in other states, and seldom birded away from the Eastern Shore when home in Maryland. I only visited St Mary's Co once--for about 30 minutes on Dec 25--yikes! I did somehow manage to hold down the number 1 spots in Wicomico and Somerset in the eBird Top 100 for 2013 (tied with Mike Walsh in Somerset)--only because Sam Dyke doesn't enter his sightings into eBird and because we are rather isolated from birder activity down here in the two "lesser" counties of the Lower Shore. Somerset really shouldn't be so neglected though--it is a fantastic place to bird. Christmas Bird Counts treated me very well in Dec 2013, allowing me to add Eurasian Wigeon to my Wicomico life list (thanks, Mike Walsh and Chris Dominick!) and Western Tanager to my Maryland life list (thanks, Jen and Bob Elmer!). I had lots of fun herp atlasing in 2013 (mostly in Wicomico), which also explains some of my low 2013 bird numbers. In fact, one of my biggest Maryland highlights of the year was seeing two Coastal Plain Milksnakes during the Great Worcester Herp Search--awesome.

Dan Haas

Western Tanager, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Parasitic Jaeger, Bullock's Oriole

My favorite sightings for 2013 have to be the local discoveries (new county birds), that I stumbled upon at Sandy Point. Both the May LITTLE GULL and the November GLAUCOUS GULL were present on the main beach in stormy weather, but only for a very brief time. The Ross' Goose at the Crownsville Containment Ponds (now almost totally inaccessible thanks to the new security squad), was another great bird I found. Luckily, many other birders were able to enjoy that goose. Sure, I chased a few county birds... like the

American White Pelican at Jug Bay and the Long-billed Dowitcher at Swan Creek. But finding a rare bird always beats chasing a rare bird, in my humble opinion. For sheer exhilaration, finding a Snowy Owl with my scope on the rocks at the Southern-tip of the quite-inaccessible Gibson Island was a definitive heart-pounding highlight! That said, 2013 will probably best be remembered, for me personally, as the 'year of the hummingbirds'. Hosting not one, but two female Rufous Hummingbirds last winter was certainly amazing. Having a HY male Ruby-throated Hummingbird (a new record late date for Anne Arundel County: Jan 6th, 2014), this past winter makes me beyond lucky. Caring for those little beasts was a remarkable experience, one that I'll remember for years.

Matt Hafner

Bullock's Oriole, Say's Phoebe

Another great year of birding in Harford County. My birding highlights of the past year taking our 2 month old Alex to see 3 amazing Harford birds (Snowy Owl, Snow Bunting, and Barnacle Geese), finding a Le Conte's Sparrow while walking the dog at Hydes Road Park, refinding the 2 Barnacle Geese ~20 miles away from the original location while checking the local geese, another great overnight Paulagics trip with a Black-capped Petrel, and an epic and creative Big Day fundraiser for Audubon. I'm sure future highlights will involve taking Alex to see great birds all around Maryland.

Joe Hanfman

Bullock's Oriole, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Western Tanager

2013 brought in many new county and state birds. The most exciting was the Black Rail in Howard County that repeatedly called near 7 of us for over 15 minutes. Some of the other highlights were the Ross's Goose in Baltimore, Swallow-tailed Kite in Washington, Northern Lapwing in Talbot, 29 Hudsonian Godwits on Poplar Island, the Red Phalarope at Lilypons, and Glaucous and Iceland Gulls in Howard. Special mentions go to Clare Nemes for reporting the Black-throated Gray Warbler on the new MD Birding Facebook page, Dennis Kirkwood for being such a gracious host with the Bullock's Oriole, and Jen Elmer finding the Western Tanager in Worcester. Last but certainly not least was seeing Snowy Owls in 5 different counties.

Elaine Hendricks

Red Crossbill, Say's Phoebe, Northern Lapwing, Bullock's Oriole, Common Murre, Swallow-tailed Kite, Manx Shearwater, Snowy Owl, Western Tanager

Rob Hilton

Black-throated Gray Warbler, Orange-crowned Warbler

I added three Montgomery County birds this year: my state Black-throated Gray and Orange-crowned Warblers in January and February, and the Tricolored Heron that Susan Hunt found during the summer. Otherwise I didn't do a whole lot of birding anywhere.

Mark Hoffman

Bullock's Oriole

John Hubbell

Bullock's Oriole

Bill Hubick

Black-throated Gray Warbler, Bullock's Oriole, Black-capped Petrel, Pacific Loon, Western Tanager

On January 1st of 2013, Jim Brighton and I kicked off what we ended up calling a "Biodiversity Challenge," a novel idea to challenge ourselves and raise awareness for Maryland Biodiversity Project. Taking listing mania to new extremes, our goal was to each identify 1,000 species of living things in Maryland in 2013 - an all-living-

thing big year. We each exceeded our goals and found the experience extremely fun and rewarding. Here were our totals on 12/31:

Bill: 1,252

Jim: 1,485

Bill & Jim total: 1,671!

The really impressive number is that together, Maryland naturalists sharing data with Maryland Biodiversity Project tallied 2,875 species in 2013 alone! Maryland Biodiversity Project has fundamentally changed how I enjoy the outdoors, and I'm having more fun in the field than ever. My awesome daughter Addy is 20 months old and can ID at least as many birds as my listing nemesis, John Hubbell. Speaking of which, a favorite memory of 2013 was standing in a field in the rain with John and Addy, a Swallow-tailed Kite wheeling about at point blank range, most of the time too close to photograph with Big Lens. Happy New Year, everyone!

Derek Hudgins

Say's Phoebe, White-winged Crossbill, Red Crossbill, Long-eared Owl, Ross's Goose, Bullock's Oriole, Surf Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, American Woodcock, Little Gull, Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush, Purple Sandpiper, American Oystercatcher, Boat-tailed Grackle, Clapper Rail, Glossy Ibis, Seaside Sparrow, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Henslow's Sparrow, Painted Bunting, Black-billed Cuckoo, Hooded Warbler, Kentucky Warbler, Grasshopper Sparrow, Dickcissel, Snowy Owl

George Jett

Bullock's Oriole is the only new bird ticked and photographed during 2013 at Dennis Kirkwoods house on 2/12/13.

David Kidwell

Snowy Owl, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Long-eared Owl, Bullock's Oriole, Western Tanager, Parasitic Jaeger, Ross's Goose

Buying a house and travel limited my MD birding in 2013, but was very happy to tick 96 yard birds during the first 11 months at my house in Damascus. Best yard birds so far include a fly over American Bittern and a Summer Tanager that visited my suet feeder for nearly a week, both in April. It's been exciting getting to know the birds of my new home county, but my favorite experience of 2014 was an excellent show from a number of Parasitic Jaegers pirating offshore of the Ocean City inlet in October.

Dennis Kirkwood

Red Crossbill, Bullock's Oriole, Swallow-tailed Kite, Connecticut Warbler, Western Tanager

I hosted over 175 birders to see Harford's first and Maryland third accepted record of Bullock's Oriole from Feb. 11-March 17. The bird returned this fall but has been very infrequent so far.

Elliot Kirschbaum

Swallow-tailed Kite, American White Pelican

Jane Kostenko

Bullock's Oriole, Western Tanager

The year started off well with the Bullock's Oriole and ended well with the Western Tanager. What western species will show up in 2014?

Ellen Lawler

Nashville warbler

In 2013, I added Nashville Warbler to my Wicomico County list and Barn Swallow and Palm Warbler to my yard list.

Gail Mackiernan

I didn't do as well this year in adding new birds; missed a few while out of town and just unlucky on others. In Maryland, only ONE new species -- Bullock's Oriole. In the District of Columbia, two -- White-winged Crossbill and Red-necked Phalarope. In Montgomery County, again just one -- Barn Owl. Will have to try harder in 2014!

Nancy Magnusson

Say's Phoebe, Northern Lapwing, Bullock's Oriole, Pacific Loon, Mississippi Kite

Joel Martin

Franklin's Gull, Western Tanager, Bullock's Oriole

Highlights were a memorable winter finch irruption to start the year, a historic Snowy Owl irruption to end it, and adding 11 species to my home county life list.

Sean McCandless

Bullock's Oriole, Western Tanager

Carol McCollough

Saw-Whet Owl, Wilson's Phalarope, Yellow-Bellied Flycatcher, Swallow-Tailed Kite, Western Tanager

Some of my favorite experiences for 2013: 1) Having a 6-owl year, beginning with a life Saw-Whet Owl on Shell Road. 2) I visited Albert Powell Hatchery on August 18th for work (sampling for harmful algae). I hadn't been paying attention to the reports from the western part of the state, so I had no clue that a Swallow-Tailed Kite had been observed for some time there. I was casually looking around, waiting for my colleague when I saw a bird in the distance. 'Gee, that looks like a Swallow-Tailed Kite', I thought as it disappeared behind some trees. 'Nah!' Next thing I hear is a Hatchery biologist, an old friend, hollering 'Swallow-Tailed Kite!!' And so it soared directly overhead - didn't even need bins. Even got 2 useable photos with my crappy point-and-shoot. 3) A good friend at work told me there was a Snowy Owl on the Bay Bridge. Knowing he likes to tease me about being a birder, I blew him off. While I was still in his office another colleague - a serious birder - came in to tell me the same thing. He convinced me to join him at lunch to see if we could find it. I had to liberate some horrible bins from the library since mine were in my car and I'd car-pooled that day. Then I saw it again in the rear-view mirror of my car-pool buddy's truck on the way home that day. 4) Finding the Wilson's Phalarope at Chesapeake Farms - it's nice to see one's avatar in real life.

Jim Nelson

Cape May Warbler, Golden Eagle

In October I saw a Cape May Warbler in my yard, a new yard bird, county bird, state bird, and ABA area bird all in one.

Lou Nielsen

Say's Phoebe

Paul O'Brien

Bullock's Oriole

Peter Osenton

This past year was my first year to enjoy retirement (retired 12/28/12) which gave me more time to go birding. I added 3 new Maryland state birds to my list with the Say's Phoebe, Parasitic Jaeger and Swallow-tailed Kite

making up the new additions. Yard birding was fantastic this year as I added four new species. I can only guess this happened because of more time spent in the yard having been retired. The new additions to my yard list were: Yellow-breasted Chat (5/7-8/13), Black-billed Cuckoo (5/10/13), Northern Raven (8/27/13) and Philadelphia Vireo (9/9/13). My current yard list is at 143.

Rob Ostrowski

Pacific Loon

Dave Palmer

Common redpoll, Long-eared owl, Northern Lapwing, Painted Bunting, Black-capped Petrel, Connecticut Warbler, Nelson's Sparrow

Howard Patterson

Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross's Goose, Brant, Barnacle Goose, Cackling Goose, Common Eider, Harlequin Duck, Common Goldeneye, Wild Turkey, American White Pelican, Tricolored Heron, Glossy Ibis, Swallow-tailed Kite, Rough-legged Hawk, Clapper Rail, King Rail, American Oystercatcher, Black-bellied Plover, Ruddy Turnstone, Purple Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Buff-breasted Sandpiper, Short-billed Dowitcher, American Woodcock, Iceland Gull, Glaucous Gull, Least Tern, Royal Tern, Snowy Owl, Long-eared Owl, Short-eared Owl, Common Nighthawk, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Rufous Hummingbird, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Gray-cheeked Thrush, Mourning Warbler, Henslow's Sparrow, Seaside Sparrow, Western Tanager, Dickcissel, Boat-tailed Grackle, Bullock's Oriole, Common Redpoll

2013 was just my second year of serious birding, so it is still relatively easy to pick up state (and life) birds. Thanks to everyone who helped me in the field and who posted excellent information on notable sightings. My luckiest sighting of the year was the Short-billed Dowitcher at Fulton Pond in Howard County. John Hubbell had seen four fly over the pond and one land. He was leaving as I arrived, but was kind enough to stay to get me on the bird. Unfortunately it then left before anyone else could get out to see it. Another highlight was the Henslow's Sparrow in Howard County, on my 4th try and just a couple of days before the last sighting. It was great to pick up Snowy, Long-eared and Short-eared Owls as life and state birds, but unfortunately the Howard County birders had to leave the county to find a Snowy Owl. Maybe we'll get one before spring arrives in 2014. I continue to enjoy Howard County birding and the excellent companionship and mentoring from the county's experienced birders, but as I start to venture further afield am finding an equal level of assistance and encouragement from birders wherever I go.

Helen Patton

Black-throated Gray Warbler, Bullock's Oriole

Paul Pisano

My only addition to the MD list this year was the Bullock's Oriole.

Evelyn Ralston

Stilt Sandpiper, White-rumped Sandpiper, Red-necked Phalarope, Snowy Owl
Seeing two Red-necked Phalaropes in close range at Constitution Gardens in DC and the Queen Anne's Snowy Owl on the Bay Bridge were great and completely distinct experiences.

Derek Richardson

American Bittern

Bob Ringler

Black-throated Gray Warbler, Bullock's Oriole

Most exciting this year were finding a Say's Phoebe and seeing so many Snowy Owls.

Les Roslund

Yellow-headed Blackbird, Northern Lapwing, Magnificent Frigatebird

2013 was a marvelous birding year for me. After being a fairly serious birder since 1975, I felt that most of the exciting new finds that I could expect in our region were already on my species lists. New species and experiences would probably be few and far between. Not so in 2013, and this became my most exciting year for finding great birds in our area. It began in early January when I discovered a Greater White-fronted Goose in Easton amongst a thousand or so Canada Geese. The next surprise came in late January. While carefully searching through a large flock of blackbirds, I finally found what I had been seeking for years – a Yellow-headed Blackbird among the several thousand grackles and red-wings. Two weeks later, I had the great good fortune of getting the first Talbot County sighting of a Northern Lapwing. A little later in the summer I had the privilege of being the first birder to notice a new nesting colony of Cliff Swallows which happened to be on a bridge right over the border line between Talbot and Caroline Counties. Surely that was enough excitement for the year – but it was still not over. The grand finale came on Nov 20 when I looked up from my home property and saw a Magnificent Frigatebird gliding across the sky. What I saw was a very large dark bird with long wings and a bright white belly. The wings were locked into a position for gliding and the bird managed to glide in a straight line from north to south as it passed over my property. The markings supported identification of this as being an adult female Frigatebird. The bird offered no statement as to where it had been or why it was here. It just kept right on going. Though I have seen Frigatebirds at very close range while visiting the Galapagos Islands and at longer range several other times, I certainly did not expect to ever have the species as a yard bird for my property near Easton, Maryland.

Russ Ruffing

Greater White-fronted Goose, Ross's Goose, Barnacle Goose, Least Bittern, Swallow-tailed Kite, Iceland Gull, Snowy Owl, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Connecticut Warbler, Painted Bunting

Hands down my best memory from 2013 was doing a Howard County Big Day with Harry Fink and Matt Rogosky in every month of the year, except June. Along the way, we broke the unofficial Howard County all-time high Big Day record by three birds with a solid 122, and set a nice Big Day baseline for each month. We plan to try for the record again in 2014, as well as fill in our June gap and try to push a couple other months higher. I spend a lot of time birding my yard, and in 2013, I submitted 185 checklists representing complete yard surveys to eBird. This effort helped me break the Howard County all-time high Yard Year record (143), which I had set the previous year, by six species. Highlights included a flock of White-winged Crossbills in early January, a courting pair of Black-billed Cuckoos in May, an immature Red-headed Woodpecker in September, and the state's only eBird-reported Lawrence's Warbler (hybrid), also in September. I particularly enjoyed watching "my" Hunt Valley Black-headed Gull morph into adult plumage in early spring, and then was ecstatic to find it returned to the location in November to spend another winter with us. I will miss this individual on my lunch breaks when it finally stops showing up, whenever that may be. Hopefully not for a couple more years! Another highlight was finally finding my all-time nemesis bird, Connecticut Warbler, in early October at the Howard Conservancy. I had pretty much stopped chasing Connecticut Warblers even when they were reported, not wanting to be disappointed again for the umpteenth time! This one fell in my lap quite unexpectedly.

Mark Schilling

Snowy Owl, Least Bittern, Northern Lapwing, Say's Phoebe, Red Crossbill

Kurt Schwarz

Barnacle Goose, Marbled Godwit, Bullock's Oriole

The look on the faces of those who encountered the Howard County Black Rail was priceless.

Fred Shaffer

Say's Phoebe, Bullock's Oriole, Parasitic Jaeger

It was an enjoyable year birding in Maryland in 2013. Personal highlights included seeing the Say's Phoebe, the crossbill invasion early in the year, finally adding a long-overdue Parasitic Jaeger to my Maryland list, and getting good views of the 1st cycle Iceland Gull at Schoolhouse Pond. It was also great to track down Snowy Owls in several locations late in the year. Another highlight for 2013 was when my brother and I got spectacular views of both the Clay-colored Sparrow and a Lark Sparrow at the Bayside Campground in a span of about 10 minutes. The daily birding at Schoolhouse Pond continued to be enjoyable, with my year list at the pond being 167. Highlights at the pond included getting great views of a Black-billed Cuckoo along the backside of the pond, a low flyover Franklin's Gull, a beautiful Snowy Egret in the spring, and a one-day Snow Goose in November. Adding a Red-headed Woodpecker to my pond list was another early morning highlight for the year.

Jeff Shenot

Say's Phoebe, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Bullock's Oriole, Swallow-tailed Kite

It was bound to happen eventually: 2013 was the first year since I've kept track with no new "yard" birds to add to our yard list. It was also one of our lowest yard totals ever, due to so much time traveling during the peak of migration. But no complaints! - I got to see a lot of awesome birds in 2013, both in Maryland and elsewhere (best year ever!). My best 2013 MD memories start with the American White Pelican that appeared behind our house at Jug Bay, while I was counting birds with my 11 year old twins for the Great Backyard Bird Count (Feb 16)! And shortly after that the first Osprey of the year appeared at the platform, and I got a pic with both species in it! It also broke my early date record for Osprey by 3 days. Other highlights include: the awesome crossbill invasion (coincidentally, my high counts for both Red and White-winged was 36 each); going out at lunch in January to a nearby residence - and seeing the Black-throated Gray Warbler point blank; amazingly extended and close views of the Swallow-tail Kite while it hunted over fields (best view I've had of this species - anywhere!); the Bullock's Oriole!; a fantastic year for Connecticut Warblers; and a fantastic year for Ammodramus sparrows. Lastly, I really enjoyed the rarity round-up in Nov (and want to thank the organizers), and it was great fun to enjoy many of the above birds with other MD birders!

Dan Small

Northern Lapwing, Bullock's Oriole, Band-rumped Storm Petrel, Black-capped Petrel, Swallow-tailed Kite, Snowy Owl, Western Tanager

Leslie Starr

Say's Phoebe, Black-throated Gray Warbler, Red Crossbill, Bullock's Oriole, Pacific Loon, Western Tanager

Chuck Stirrat

Iceland Gull, Mourning Warbler

Warren Strobel

Trumpeter Swan, Franklin's Gull, Swallow-Tailed Kite, Wilson's Phalarope, Bullock's Oriole

I chilled out a bit in 2013 compared to 2012, when I did a Big Year of 316 species. It was nice for Lisa and I to visit familiar haunts and see friendly faces without the rush of having to tick a bird and zoom to the next locale. Lisa and I did our first Rarity Roundup, teamed with Leslie Starr and Joe Turner, which was fun. One highlight of my birding year was in August, when I returned home from an overseas business trip at 3:15 in the morning - got lifer Southern Lapwing in Brazil - and after a few hours' sleep headed out to see the Washington County Swallow-Tailed Kite, which showed 5 minutes after I got there.

Mary Ann Todd

Black-throated Gray Warbler, Bullock's Oriole

Anna Urciolo

Bullock's Oriole, Long-eared Owl, Cape May Warbler, Red Crossbill, Common Redpoll, Ruffed Grouse

Mike Walsh

Western Tanager, Connecticut Warbler

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Updates to County Species Lists for 2013

Note: Some were seen in previous years but only “discovered” or accepted/validated in 2013

Garrett

Rufous Hummingbird
Clay-colored Sparrow

Washington

Swallow-tailed Kite
Sandhill Crane

Frederick

Brant
Franklin's Gull

Carroll

Snowy Owl
Say's Phoebe

Howard

Black Rail

Baltimore

Ross's Goose
Pacific Loon

Harford

Barnacle Goose
Bullock's Oriole

Prince George's

Barnacle Goose

Anne Arundel

Northern Wheatear

Calvert

White-winged Dove
Snowy Owl

St. Mary's

Black-bellied Whistling Duck
Ross's Goose
Pacific Loon

Kent

Rufous Hummingbird

Queen Anne's

Rufous Hummingbird
Painted Bunting

Talbot

Northern Lapwing

Worcester

White-tailed Tropicbird

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Black-bellied Whistling Duck						p		p			p	p	p		p			p							7
Fulvous Whistling Duck						p					p	p			p	p	p			p			p		8
Pink-footed Goose							p									p									1
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	p	23
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	p	23
Ross's Goose				p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	18
Brant	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
Barnacle Goose									p							p					p	p			5
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	p	23
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	p	23
Mute Swan		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
Trumpeter Swan		p	p			p		p	p	p	p	p				p					p				6
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	p	23
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	p	23
Gadwall	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
Eurasian Wigeon	p				p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	19
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	p	23
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	p	23
Mallard	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
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	p	23
Cinnamon Teal								p		p						p	p			p			p		6
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	p	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	p	23
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	p	23
Canvasback	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
Redhead	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
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	p	23
Tufted Duck											p	p	p				p			p					5
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	p	23
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	p	23
King Eider						p		p				p	p		p		p		p	p			p		9
Common Eider												p		p	p				p	p				p	4
Harlequin Duck						p		p	p	p		p	p		p				p	p			p	p	11
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
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	p	23
Black Scoter	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	21
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	p	23
Bufflehead	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
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	p	23
Barrow's Goldeneye													p		p				p	p					4
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	p	23
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	p	23
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	p	23
Masked Duck										p															1
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	p	23
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	p	23
Ring-necked Pheasant	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p					p			p					14
Ruffed Grouse	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p							p								9
Greater Prairie-Chicken																									0
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	p	23
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	p	23
Pacific Loon	p					p		p	p	p					p								p		7
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	p	23
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	p	23
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	p	23
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	p	23
Eared Grebe	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	21
Western Grebe	p					p	p	p				p	p			p	p							p	9
American Flamingo																							p		1
Yellow-nosed Albatross																							p		1
Northern Fulmar																							p		1
Herald Petrel																							p		1
Black-capped Petrel																			p				p		2
Cory's Shearwater																							p		1
Cape Verde Shearwater																							p		1
Great Shearwater																							p		1
Sooty Shearwater																							p		1
Manx Shearwater																							p		1
Audubon's Shearwater																							p		1
Wilson's Storm-Petrel											p	p	p	p	p		p		p	p	p	p	p	p	11
White-faced Storm-Petrel																							p		1
Leach's Storm-Petrel									p	p	p						p		p		p		p		7
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel																							p		1
White-tailed Tropicbird																							p		1
Wood Stork		p		p				p			p	p	p	p	p				p		p				10

unconfirmed

confirmed

pending

pre-1990

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Magnificent Frigatebird																							p	1
Brown Booby																							p	1
Northern Gannet								p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	14
Neotropic Cormorant			p			p																		2
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	p	23
Great Cormorant					p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	18
Anhinga		p		p		p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p								p	11
American White Pelican	p					p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	17
Brown Pelican					p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	16
American Bittern	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
Least Bittern	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
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	p	23
Great Egret	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
Snowy Egret	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
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	p	23
Tricolored Heron				p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	20
Reddish Egret																							p	1
Cattle Egret	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
Green Heron	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
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	p	23
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	p	23
White Ibis		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	20
Glossy Ibis	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
White-faced Ibis																						p	p	2
Roseate Spoonbill																						p	p	2
Black Vulture	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
Turkey Vulture	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
Osprey	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
Swallow-tailed Kite	p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	18
White-tailed Kite		p																						1
Golden Eagle	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
Mississippi Kite		p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	20
Northern Harrier	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
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	p	23
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	p	23
Northern Goshawk	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
Bald Eagle	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	23
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	p	23
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	p	23
Swainson's Hawk		p										p			p					p				4
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
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
Yellow Rail	p	p				p		p	p		p	p	p		p				p	p		p	p	13
Black Rail	p			p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	19
Corn Crane																							p	1
Clapper Rail		p						p				p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	13
King Rail	p	p		p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	21
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
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
Purple Gallinule						p		p		p	p	p	p											6
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
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
Limpkin				p			p																	2
Sandhill Crane	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p				20
Black-necked Stilt					p		p	p			p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	16
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
American Oystercatcher								p				p			p			p	p	p	p	p	p	9
Northern Lapwing				p															p					2
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
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
Wilson's Plover																							p	1
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
Piping Plover	p	p					p	p				p	p		p				p			p	p	11
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
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
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
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
Willet	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	22
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
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
Eskimo Curlew																							p	1
Whimbrel	p	p		p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p			p	p		p	20
Long-billed Curlew								p		p	p				p	p						p	p	8
Hudsonian Godwit					p	p		p			p	p				p	p	p	p	p	p	p	p	13
Marbled Godwit		p		p		p		p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p	17

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p = county record exists	Garrett	Allegany	Washington	Frederick	Carroll	Montgomery	Howard	Baltimore	Harford	Cecil	Prince George's	Anne Arundel	Calvert	Charles	St. Mary's	Kent	Queen Anne's	Caroline	Talbot	Dorchester	Wicomico	Somerset	Worcester	Total Counties
Total for state = 447	289	301	284	307	289	341	304	358	318	322	336	356	328	303	337	315	321	298	331	334	309	319	396	7396

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Black-bellied Whistling-Duck				
Fulvous Whistling-Duck				
Pink-footed Goose				
Greater White-fronted Goose	1/1/13	Blackwater NWR (Dor Co)	B. Hubick	
- Greenland				
- Western	2/3/13	Loch Raven Reservoir (Ba C9)	T. Carney	
Snow Goose				
Ross's Goose	1/5/13	West Ocean City Pond (Wor Co)	J. Lawson	
Brant (Atlantic)	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
- Black				
Barnacle Goose	12/19/13	Swan Harbor (Har Co)	D. Kirkwood	
Cackling Goose	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR	D. Small	
Canada Goose	1/1/13	Talbot County	L. Roslund	
Mute Swan	1/1/13	Depot Pond (PG Co)	T. Ostrowski	
Trumpeter Swan	1/4/13	Blackwater NWR (Dor Co)	B. DeHaven	
Tundra Swan	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Wood Duck	1/1/13	C&O Canal	S. Back	
Gadwall	1/1/13	USDA BARC (PG Co)	E. Clark	
Eurasian Wigeon	1/2/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	J. Hanfman	
American Wigeon	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
American Black Duck	1/1/13	USDA BARC (PG Co)	E. Clark	
Mallard	1/1/13	Fort Smallwood Park (AA Co)	M. Grey	
Blue-winged Teal	1/4/13	Messick Road Pond (So. Co)	M. Walsh	
Cinnamon Teal				
Northern Shoveler	1/1/13	Schoolhouse Pond (PG Co)	T. Ostrowski	
Northern Pintail	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Green-winged Teal	1/1/13	Davidsonville Park (AA Co)	D. Haas	
- Common Teal	2/9/13	Patuxent Oxbow Lake (AA Co)	J. Shephard	
Canvasback	1/1/13	Fort Smallwood Park (AA Co)	M. Grey	
Redhead	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Ring-necked Duck	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
Tufted Duck	1/5/13	Kent Narrows (QQ Co)	G. Pourchot	Continuing from 2012
Greater Scaup	1/1/13	Fort Armistead (Bal. City)	M. Anthony	
Lesser Scaup	1/1/13	Fort Smallwood Park (AA Co)	M. Grey	
King Eider				
Common Eider	1/1/13	OC Inlet (Wor. Co)	J. Brighton, B. Hubick, T. Field	
Harlequin Duck	1/1/13	Ft. Armistead (Balt City)	M. Anthony	
Surf Scoter	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
White-winged Scoter	1/1/13	Chesapeake Beach (Cal Co)	J. Stasz	
Black Scoter	1/1/13	Ragged Point Rd (Dor Co)	G. Radcliffe	
Long-tailed Duck	1/1/13	Ft. Smallwood Park (AA County)	M. Grey	
Bufflehead	1/1/13	Ft. Armistead (Balt City)	M. Anthony	
Common Goldeneye	1/1/13	Ft. Smallwood Park (AA County)	M. Grey	
Barrow's Goldeneye	1/1/13	Choptank Fishing Pier (Ta Co)	L. Roslund	Continuing from 2012
Hooded Merganser	1/1/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Common Merganser	1/1/13	Bowie (PG Co)	F. Shaffer	
Red-breasted Merganser	1/1/13	Ft. Armistead (Balt City)	M. Anthony	
Masked Duck				
Ruddy Duck	1/1/13	Ft. Armistead (Balt City)	M. Anthony	
Ring-necked Pheasant	1/3/13	Garret Rd (Ba Co)	H and S Raschid	
Ruffed Grouse	2/15/13	Sam Friend Rd. (Ga Co)	D. Schroyer	
Wild Turkey	1/4/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Northern Bobwhite	1/5/13	Chino Farms Area (Ke Co)	M. Gimpel	
Red-throated Loon	1/1/13	Assateague NS (Wor Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Pacific Loon	2/16/13	OC Inlet (Wor. Co)	M. and J. Lutmerding	
Common Loon	1/1/13	Ft. Smallwood Park (AA County)	M. Grey	
Pied-billed Grebe	1/1/13	Black Hill RP (Mo Co)	S. Schwenk	
Horned Grebe	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Red-necked Grebe	3/18/13	Ft. Armistead (Balt City)	J. Wilkinson	
Eared Grebe	1/12/13	Assateague NS OSV Zone (Wor Co)	M. Walsh	
<i>Aechmophorus</i> sp.*				
Western Grebe	11/16/13	Assateague SP Shell Rd (Wor. Co)	F. Jacobson	Photographed
Yellow-nosed Albatross				
Northern Fulmar	10/30/13	Pelagic	R. Lambert	
Herald Petrel (Trindade)	7/31/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA AMAPPS
Black-capped Petrel	7/30/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA AMAPPS
Cory's Shearwater	7/20/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA EcoMon Survey
- Scopoli's	7/28/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA AMAPPS
Cape Verde Shearwater				

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Great Shearwater	7/20/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA EcoMon Survey
Sooty Shearwater				
Manx Shearwater	7/20/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA AMAPPS
Audubon's Shearwater	7/21/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA AMAPPS
Wilson's Storm-Petrel	6/19/13	OC Inlet (Wor. Co)	K. Graff	
White-faced Storm-Petrel	7/30/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA AMAPPS
Leach's Storm-Petrel	7/13/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA AMAPPS
Band-rumped Storm-Petrel	7/28/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA AMAPPS
Northern Gannet	1/1/13	Assateague NS	R. Gutberlet	
American White Pelican	1/1/13	Blackwater NWR (Dor Co)	J. Deamond	
Brown Pelican	1/1/13	St. Mary's County	R. Edwards	
Neotropic Cormorant				
Double-crested Cormorant	1/1/13	Ft. Armistead (Balt City)	M. Anthony	
Great Cormorant	1/5/13	Thomas Point Park (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Anhinga	7/5/13	Hughes Hollow (Mo co)	D. Sollers	
Magnificent Frigatebird	6/12/13	Assateague NS	B. Onley	
American Bittern	1/1/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Least Bittern	4/13/13	North Point Sp (Balt. Co)	J. Corcoran	
Great Blue Heron	1/1/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
- White form				
Great Egret	1/3/13	Mattawoman Creek - Mattingly Park	J. Stasz	
Snowy Egret	3/17/13	Public Landing (Wor Co)	M. Hoffman	
Little Blue Heron	3/29/13	West Ocean City Pond (Wor Co)	D. Kidwell and P. Osenton	
Tricolored Heron	1/1/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Reddish Egret				
Cattle Egret	3/28/13	Hawkins Point (Balt City)	E. Haas	
Green Heron	4/8/13	Schoolhouse Pond (PG Co)	F. Shaffer	
Black-crowned Night-Heron	1/5/13	Susquahana SP (Ha Co)	E. Beery	
Yellow-crowned Night-Heron	3/11/13	Sligo Creek Park (Mo Co)	S. Davies	
White Ibis	4/18/13	Truitts Landing (Wor Co)	M. Burchett	
Glossy Ibis	3/31/13	Shantytown (Wor Co)	D. Czaplak	
White-faced Ibis	1/12/13	South Point (Wor Co)	M. Burchett	
Roseate Spoonbill				
Wood Stork				
Greater Flamingo				
Black Vulture	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
Turkey Vulture	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Osprey	1/27/13	Edgewater (AA Co)	R. Geredien	
Swallow-tailed Kite	4/13/13	North Point Sp (Balt. Co)	F. Jacobson	
Mississippi Kite	5/9/13	Ft. Smallwood Park (AA County)	S. Riciardi	
Bald Eagle	1/1/13	Ft. Smallwood Park (AA County)	M. Gret	
Northern Harrier	1/1/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
Cooper's Hawk	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
Northern Goshawk	2/11/13	Hughes Hollow (Mo co)	D. Czaplak	
Red-shouldered Hawk	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Broad-winged Hawk	4/7/13	Howard County	R. Ruffing	
Swainson's Hawk				
Red-tailed Hawk	1/1/13	Ft. Armistead (Balt City)	M. Anthony	
- Northern	12/9/13	Hopkins Farm Pond	M. Anthony	
Rough-legged Hawk	1/2/13	Cedar Creek Rd (Dor Co)	P. Kaestner	
Golden Eagle	1/8/13	Decoursey Bridge Rd (Dor Co)	V. De Sanctis	
Yellow Rail	9/21/13	Parson's Creek Marshes (Dor. Co)	B. and J. Pearse	
Black Rail	5/16/13	Fishing Bay WMA	M. Burchett	
Corn Crane				
Clapper Rail	1/1/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
King Rail	4/4/13	Swan Harbor (Har Co)	M. Addicks	
Virginia Rail	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Sora	1/1/13	Morgan Creek Marshes (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Purple Gallinule				
Common Gallinule	4/9/13	Dorchester County	J. Willey	
American Coot	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Limpkin				
Sandhill Crane	1/10/13	Deep Landing Marsh	T. Bell	
- Greater	1/23/13	Huntingtown (Calv Co)	J. Culler and J. Hanfman	
Northern Lapwing	2/3/13	Old Cordova Rd. (Ta Co)	L. Roslund	
Black-bellied Plover	1/1/13	Castaway's Campground (Wor. Co)	B. Hubick	
American Golden-Plover	4/29/13	Ironshire Station Rd (Wor Co)	M. Hoffman	
Wilson's Plover				

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Semipalmated Plover	4/28/13	Quail Covey Farm (QA Co)	M. Schilling	
Piping Plover	3/29/13	Assateague SP - Shell Rd. (Wor Co)	D. Kidwell	
Killdeer	1/1/13	Davidsonville (AA Co)	D. Haas	
American Oystercatcher	1/1/13	Ocean City - Skimmer Island (Wor Co)	B. Hubick	
Black-necked Stilt	4/13/13	Elliott's Island Rd (Dor Co)	G. Radcliffe	
American Avocet	2/16/13	Blackwater NWR (Dor Co)	P. Silas	
Spotted Sandpiper	4/8/13	Swan Crreek (AA Co)	L. Starr	
Solitary Sandpiper	4/5/13	Swan Crreek (AA Co)	L. Starr	
Greater Yellowlegs	1/1/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Willet	1/1/13	Castaway's Campground (Wor. Co)	B. Hubick	
- Eastern	4/12/13	Multiple locations (Wor. Co)	M. Lutmerding, D. Czaplak, M.	
- Western	1/1/13	Castaway's Campground (Wor. Co)	B. Hubick	
Lesser Yellowlegs	1/1/13	Rumbly Point (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Upland Sandpiper	5/18/13	Garret County	M. Redmond	
Whimbrel	5/5/13	Truitts Landing (Wor Co)	M. Burchett	
- European				
Long-billed Curlew				
Hudsonian Godwit	4/21/13	Poplar Island (Ta Co)	J. Hanfman	
Marbled Godwit	5/19/13	Ocean City - Skimmer Island (Wor Co)	D. Haas	
Ruddy Turnstone	1/1/13	Castaway's Campground (Wor. Co)	B. Hubick	
Red Knot	5/7/13	Ocean City (Wor Co)	D. Youker	
Sanderling	1/1/13	Assateague NS (Wor Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Semipalmated Sandpiper	4/27/13	Eveland Rd (Car Co)	D. Palmer	
Western Sandpiper	1/13/13	Blackwater NWR (Dor Co)	J. Fisher	
Red-necked Stint				
Little Stint				
Least Sandpiper	1/1/13	Rumbly Point (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
White-rumped Sandpiper	5/11/13	Chesapeake Farms	D. Small	
Baird's Sandpiper	4/21/13	Poplar Island (Ta Co)	J. Hanfman	
Pectoral Sandpiper	5/5/13	Patuxent Oxbow Lake (AA Co)	M. Stutzman	
Purple Sandpiper	1/1/13	OC Inlet (Wor. Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Dunlin	1/1/13	Assateague NS - Ferry Landing (Wo Co)	B. Hubick	
Curlew Sandpiper				
Stilt Sandpiper	4/26/13	Truitts Landing (Wor Co)	M. Johnson	
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	9/14/13	Shiloh Church Farm (Dor Co)	J. Fisher	
Ruff				
Short-billed Dowitcher	4/9/13	Bestpitch Rd. (Dor. Co.)	D. Bent	
- Atlantic	4/15/13	Poplar Island (Ta Co)	Many	
- Prairie	5/10/13	Truitts Landing (Wor Co)	B. Hubick, M. Hafner, M.	
Long-billed Dowitcher	1/1/13	Rumbly Point (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Wilson's Snipe	1/1/13	Bowie (PG Co)	F. Shaffer	
Common Snipe	3/17/13	Camp Brown Rd - St. Mary's County	M. Lutmerding	Reviewable; would be new state record
American Woodcock	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Wilson's Phalarope	5/17/13	Truitts Landing (Wor Co)	M. Burchett	
Red-necked Phalarope	5/8/13	Violette's Lock (Mo Co)	D. Czaplak	
Red Phalarope	1/13/13	Pelagic	M. Fritz	
Laughing Gull	3/10/13	Martinak SP (Caroline Co)	J. Moore	
Franklin's Gull	3/31/13	Frederick County	J. Moore	
Little Gull	3/18/13	Cecil County (viewed from Lapidum)	J. Emm	
Black-headed Gull	1/1/13	Hunt Valley Towne Center (Ba Co)	J. Shenot	Likely same bird as winter 2011-2012
Bonaparte's Gull	1/1/13	Lapidum (Ha Co)	M. Johnson	
Black-tailed Gull				
Mew Gull				
Ring-billed Gull	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
California Gull				
Herring Gull	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Yellow-legged Gull				
Thayer's Gull				
Iceland Gull	1/28/13	Jessup (AA Co)	J. Hanfman	
- Kumliens's	2/5/13	Annapolis Junction Transfer Station	B. Hubick	
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1/1/13	Conowingo Dam (Ha Co)	N. Spigler	
Glaucous Gull	2/11/13	Annapolis Junction (AA Co)	J. Hanfman	
Great Black-backed Gull	1/1/13	Ft. Armistead (Balt City)	M. Anthony	
Kelp Gull				
Sabine's Gull				
Black-legged Kittiwake	1/13/13	Pelagic	M. Fritz	
Ross's Gull				
Gull-billed Tern	6/24/13	Ocean City - Skimmer Island (Wor Co)	R. Ostrowski	

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Caspian Tern	3/27/13	Lake Artamesia (PG Co)	E. Hendricks	
Royal Tern	3/30/13	Messick Rd. Boat Ramp (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Sandwich Tern	7/27/13	Point Lookout SP	M. Lutmerding	
Roseate Tern				
Common Tern	4/6/13	Rumbly Point (So Co)	K. Graff	
Arctic Tern	5/9/13	Violette's Lock (Mo Co)	D. Czaplak	
Forster's Tern	1/1/13	Castaway's Campground (Wor. Co)	B. Hubick	
Least Tern	4/8/13	Choptank (Car Co)	J. Hanfman	
Bridled Tern				
Sooty Tern				
Black Tern	5/10/13	Ocean City - Skimmer Island (Wor Co)	D. Czaplak	
Black Skimmer	4/19/13	Ocean City - Skimmer Island (Wor Co)	M. Burchett	
South Polar Skua				
Pomarine Jaeger	7/20/13	Pelagic	T. Johnson	NOAA EcoMon
Parasitic Jaeger	5/8/13	OC Inlet (Wor. Co)	M. Burchett	
Long-tailed Jaeger				
Dovekie	1/13/13	Pelagic	M. Fritz	
Common Murre	3/2/13	Pelagic	Many	
Thick-billed Murre				
Razorbill	1/12/13	Assateague NS OSV Zone	M. Walsh	
Black Guillemot				
Atlantic Puffin	1/13/13	Pelagic	M. Fritz	
Rock Pigeon	1/1/13	Ft. Armistead (Balt City)	M. Anthony	
Eurasian Collared-Dove				
White-winged Dove	2/1/13	Ann Marie Gardens (Calv Co)	T. Harten	
Mourning Dove	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
Inca Dove				
Common Ground-Dove				
Black-billed Cuckoo	4/24/13	Montgomery County	A. Martin	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4/15/13	Riley's Lock (Mo Co)	W and R .Dubois	
Groove-billed Ani				
Barn Owl	1/31/13	Frederick County	M. Bowen	
Eastern Screech-Owl	1/1/13	Heron Point (Dor Co)	P. Thut	
Great Horned Owl	1/2/13	Heron Point (Dor Co)	P. Thut	
Snowy Owl	11/21/13	Poplar Island (Ta Co)	C. Stevenson	
Burrowing Owl				
Barred Owl	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
Long-eared Owl	1/2/13	Soldiers Delight NEA (Ba Co)	K. Jenkins	
Short-eared Owl	1/1/13	Bull Frog Rd. (Car Co)	M. Balestri	
Northern Saw-whet Owl	1/1/13	Assateague SP (Wor Co)	B. Hubick	
Common Nighthawk	4/20/13	Kensington (Mo Co)	J. Nelson	
Chuck-will's-widow	4/15/13	Worcester County	M. Hoffman	
Whip-poor-will	4/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Chimney Swift	4/1/13	Hart Miller Island (Ba Co)	K. Graff and B. Ringler	
Green Violetear				
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	4/12/13	Sotterley Plantation (SM Co)	D. Moulton	
Anna's Hummingbird				
Calliope Hummingbird				
Rufous Hummingbird	1/1/13	North Beach, Silver Spring, Annapolis	J. Stasz, N. Kahn, D. Haas	At least 4 at 3 locations
Allen's Hummingbird				
Belted Kingfisher	1/1/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Red-headed Woodpecker	1/1/13	Hughes Hollow (Mo co)	C. Parker	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1/2/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Downy Woodpecker	1/3/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Hairy Woodpecker	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Red-cockaded Woodpecker				
Northern Flicker	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Pileated Woodpecker	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
American Kestrel	1/1/13	Dorchester County	G. Radcliffe	
Merlin	1/1/13	Howard County	R. Hillsley	
Gyr Falcon				
Peregrine Falcon	1/1/13	USDA BARC (PG Co)	E. Clark	
Olive-sided Flycatcher	5/15/13	Howard County	B. Ott	
Eastern Wood-Pewee	4/27/13	Pocomoke River SP - Shad Landing	S. Houston	
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	8/10/13	Point Lookout SP (SM Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Acadian Flycatcher	4/27/13	C&O Canal (Mo Co)	B. Lafley	
Alder Flycatcher	5/16/13	Schoolhouse Pond (PG Co)	F. Shaffer	
Willow Flycatcher	5/11/13	Allen's Fresh (CH Co)	K. Calvert	

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Least Flycatcher	5/5/13	Savage River Rd. (Ga Co)	J. Churchill	
Hammond's Flycatcher				
Eastern Phoebe	1/1/13	Davidsonville Park (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Say's Phoebe	1/19/13	Keysville Rd (Car Co)	B. Ringler	
Vermilion Flycatcher				
Ash-throated Flycatcher				
Great Crested Flycatcher	4/14/13	Nassawango Creek (Wor Co)	M. Burchett	
Tropical Kingbird				
Western Kingbird	9/11/13	Flag Ponds (Cal Co)	T. Bell	
Eastern Kingbird	4/11/13	Middle Patuxent Environmental Area	H. Fink	
Gray Kingbird				
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher				
Fork-tailed Flycatcher				
Loggerhead Shrike				
Northern Shrike	1/18/13	Patton Turf Farm (Mo Co)	D. Czaplak	
White-eyed Vireo	4/9/13	E.A. Vaughn WMA (Wor Co)	M. Walsh	
Bell's Vireo				
Yellow-throated Vireo	4/12/13	Sturges Rd (Wor Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Blue-headed Vireo	1/2/13	Pocomoke River SP - Shad Landing	G. Smith	
Warbling Vireo	4/22/13	Maryland Zoo (Balt. City)	P. Martin	
Philadelphia Vireo	4/28/13	Layhill Park (Mo Co)	D. Gersten	
Red-eyed Vireo	4/18/13	Purse State Park (Ch Co)	D. Perry	
Blue Jay	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
American Crow	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Fish Crow	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Common Raven	1/1/13	Lilypons Water Garden (Fr Co)	M. Balestri	
Horned Lark	1/1/13	Oland Rd (Fr Co)	M. Balestri	
Purple Martin	3/13/13	Ocean City - Skimmer Island (Wor Co)	D. Czaplak	
Tree Swallow	1/4/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	M. Walsh	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	3/17/13	Hughes Hollow (Mo co)	C. Parker	
Bank Swallow	4/8/13	Hart Miller Island (Ba Co)	K. Graff and B. Ringler	
Cliff Swallow	4/4/13	Jug Bay (AA Co)	Reported by R. Ostrowski	
Cave Swallow	11/11/13	Point Lookout SP (SM Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Barn Swallow	3/29/13	Lake Artamesia (PG Co)	J. Fisher	
Carolina Chickadee	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Black-capped Chickadee	1/1/13	Frederick County	K. Calvert	
Boreal Chickadee				
Tufted Titmouse	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
White-breasted Nuthatch	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Brown-headed Nuthatch	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Brown Creeper	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Rock Wren				
Carolina Wren	1/1/13	Hartford County	M. Hafner	
Bewick's Wren				
House Wren	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Winter Wren	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Sedge Wren	2/12/13	Patuxent River Park (PG Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Marsh Wren	1/1/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3/30/13	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Northern Wheatear				
Eastern Bluebird	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Mountain Bluebird				
Townsend's Solitaire				
Veery	4/19/13	Governor's Run (Cal Co)	C. Bailey	
Gray-cheeked Thrush	5/9/13	Churchey Rd. (Wa Co)	S. Back	
Bicknell's Thrush	9/15/13	Bel Air (Ha Co)	M. Hafner	
Swainson's Thrush	4/17/13	Patapsco Ponds (Ba Co)	F. Jacobson	
Hermit Thrush	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Wood Thrush	1/1/13	Patterson Park (Balt City)	M. Hudson	Continuing from 2012
American Robin	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge	R. Burley	
Varied Thrush				
Gray Catbird	1/1/13	Ft. Smallwood Park (AA County)	M. Grey	
Northern Mockingbird	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Sage Thrasher				
Brown Thrasher	1/1/13	USDA BARC (PG Co)	E. Clark	
European Starling	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	

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American Pipit	1/1/13	Patton Turf Farm (Mo Co)	K. Calvert	
Bohemian Waxwing				
Cedar Waxwing	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Blue-winged Warbler	4/17/13	Middle Patuxent Environmental Area	H. Patterson	
Golden-winged Warbler	4/27/13	Mallows Bay Park (Ch Co)	J. Hubbell	
Tennessee Warbler	5/8/13	Patuxent Oxbow Lake (AA Co)	M. Stutzman	
Orange-crowned Warbler	1/3/13	Cecil County	S. McCandless	
Nashville Warbler	1/6/13	Riverside Medical Center - Wic. County	E. Lawler	
Virginia's Warbler				
Northern Parula	4/9/13	Point Lookout SP (SM Co)	M. Anthony	
Yellow Warbler	4/16/13	Prince George's County	R. Burley	
Chestnut-sided Warbler	4/28/13	Glen Echo (Mo Co)	K. Thorington	
Magnolia Warbler	4/27/13	Soldiers Delight NEA (Ba Co)	K. Smith	
Cape May Warbler	5/1/13	Millington WMA (Ke Co)	M. Addicks	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	4/18/13	Milford Mill Park (Ba Co)	T. Carney	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1/1/13	Assateague SP	B. Hubick	
- Audubon's Warbler	1/14/13	Battle Creek Cyprus Swamp (Cal Co)	S. Sutter	
Black-throated Gray Warbler	1/9/13	Silver Spring - Mont. Co.	C. Nemes	
Black-throated Green Warbler	4/20/13	Patspsco Valley SP (Ho Co)	H. Patterson	
Townsend's Warbler				
Blackburnian Warbler	4/25/13	Milford Mill Park (Ba Co)	F. Jacobson	
Yellow-throated Warbler	4/1/13	Calvert Cliffs SP (Ca Co)	J and J Ferris	
Pine Warbler	1/1/13	Heron Point (Dor Co)	P. Thut	
Prairie Warbler	4/11/13	Blackwater NWR (Dor Co)	J. Willey	
Palm Warbler	1/2/13	Long Green Creek Wetlands - Baltimore	K. Graff	
- Yellow	1/3/13	Long Green Creek Wetlands - Baltimore	K. Graff	
- Western	1/3/13	Berlin WWTP (Wor. County)	R. Gutberlet	
Bay-breasted Warbler	5/2/13	Patspsco Valley SP (Ba Co)	E. Huestis	
Blackpoll Warbler	5/1/13	Millington WMA (Ke Co)	M. Addicks	
Cerulean Warbler	4/25/13	Soldiers Delight NEA (Ba Co)	T. Carney	
Black-and-white Warbler	1/26/13	O&o Canal (Mo Co)	D. Richardson	
American Redstart	4/12/13	Nassawango Creek (Wor Co)	M. Lutmerding	
Prothonotary Warbler	4/10/13	Somerset County	B. Phillips	
Worm-eating Warbler	4/13/13	Park Mills Rd (Fr Co)	M. Balestri	
Swainson's Warbler				
Ovenbird	4/9/13	Decoursey Bridge Rd (Dor Co)	J. Willey	
Northern Waterthrush	4/18/13	McKee-Beshers (Mo Co)	P and J. Woodward	
Louisiana Waterthrush	2/16/13	Font Hill Wetland Park	J. Wilkinson	
Kentucky Warbler	4/19/13	Middle Patuxent Environmental Area	H. Patterson	
Connecticut Warbler	9/6/13	Middle Patuxent Environmental Area	W. Cummings	
Mourning Warbler	5/8/13	Middle Patuxent Environmental Area	K. Darcy	
Common Yellowthroat	1/12/13	Shorters Wharf Rd (Dor Co)	F. Jacobson	
Hooded Warbler	4/18/13	Old Anglers Inn (Mo Co)	K. Thorington	
Wilson's Warbler	5/5/13	Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract	B. Hartman	
Canada Warbler	5/5/13	Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract	B. Hartman	
Yellow-breasted Chat	1/2/13	Milltown Landing	J. Stasz	
Summer Tanager	1/1/13	Columbia (Ho Co)	J. Hanfman	Continuing from 2012
Scarlet Tanager	4/21/13	North Point Sp (Balt. Co)	J. Martin	
Western Tanager	12/28/13	Logtown Rd Golf Course (Wor Co)	B. and J. Elmer	
Green-tailed Towhee				
Spotted Towhee				
Eastern Towhee	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Cassin's Sparrow				
Bachman's Sparrow				
American Tree Sparrow	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract	R. Burley	
Chipping Sparrow	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract	R. Burley	
Clay-colored Sparrow				
Field Sparrow	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Vesper Sparrow	3/25/13	Long Neck Rd. (SM Co)	M. Hoffman	
Lark Sparrow	9/13/13	Swan Crreek (AA Co)	J. Fisher	
Lark Bunting				
Savannah Sparrow (eastern)	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course	D. Haas	
- Ipswich	1/1/13	Assateague SP Causeway (Wor. Co)	J. Brighton, B. Hubick, T. Field	
Grasshopper Sparrow	4/12/13	Bladensburg Park (PG Co)	R. Ostrowski	
Baird's Sparrow				
Henslow's Sparrow		Old Legislative Rd (Al County)	D. Flynt	
Le Conte's Sparrow	9/29/13	Hydes Rd Park (Ba Co)	M. Hafner	
Nelson's Sparrow	1/18/13	Truitts Landing (Wor Co)	J. Hanfman	
Saltmarsh Sparrow	1/6/13	Truitts Landing (Wor Co)	T. Ostrowski	

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Seaside Sparrow	1/10/13	Deal Island WMA (So Co)	D. Bent	
Fox Sparrow	1/1/13	Eastern Neck NWR (Ke Co)	D. Small	
Song Sparrow	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Lincoln's Sparrow	4/22/13	Violette's Lock (Mo Co)	D. Czaplak	
Swamp Sparrow	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
White-throated Sparrow	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Harris's Sparrow				
Golden-crowned Sparrow				
White-crowned Sparrow	1/1/13	Dorchester County	G. Radcliffe	
- Gambel's	4/7/13	Chino Farms Area	M. Johnson	
Dark-eyed Junco	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Lapland Longspur	1/1/13	Frederick County	K. Calvert	
Smith's Longspur				
Chestnut-collared Longspur				
Snow Bunting	1/2/13	Washington County	B. Lanning	
Northern Cardinal	1/1/13	Renditions Golf Course (AA Co)	D. Haas	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	4/17/13	PG County	K. Harvey	
Black-headed Grosbeak				
Blue Grosbeak	4/18/13	Beachville Rd (SM Co)	M. Anthony	
Lazuli Bunting	10/15/13	Point Lookout SP	M. Lutmerding	Reviewable; photos obtained
Indigo Bunting	4/15/13	Woodbrook Ln (Ba Co)	S. Mickletz	
Painted Bunting	3/2/13	Denton (Car Co)		
Dickcissel	5/19/13	Cap Stine Rd. (Fr Co)	C. Parke	
Bobolink	4/26/13	UMD Central Farm (Ho Co)	H. Patterson	
Red-winged Blackbird	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
Eastern Meadowlark	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
Western Meadowlark				
Yellow-headed Blackbird	1/2/13	Hart Miller Island	K. Graff, B. Ringler	Cont. since at least 9/17/12
Rusty Blackbird	1/1/13	USDA BARC (PG Co)	E. Clark	
Brewer's Blackbird				
Common Grackle	1/1/13	Ft. Smallwood Park (AA County)	M. Grey	
- Bronzed	1/13/13	Newark (Worcester County)	T. Carney	
Boat-tailed Grackle	1/1/13	Rumbly Point (So Co)	R. Gutberlet	
Brown-headed Cowbird	1/1/13	USDA BARC (PG Co)	E. Clark	
Orchard Oriole	4/14/13	Piney Orchard (AA Co)	M. Sampson	
Bullock's Oriole	2/10/13	Bradenbaugh Rd. - Harford County	D. Kirkwood	Reviewable; observed daily until 2/24
Baltimore Oriole	3/3/13	Worcester County	B. Phillips	
Pine Grosbeak				
Purple Finch	1/1/13	Talbot County	D. Bent	
House Finch	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
Red Crossbill	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	2012/2013 winter irruption
- Type 3	1/6/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	M. Wilson	
White-winged Crossbill	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	2012/2013 winter irruption
Common Redpoll	1/1/13	Homer Gudelsky Park, Wor. County	B. Hubick	
Hoary Redpoll				
Pine Siskin	1/1/13	Cavey Ln.(Ho Co)	R. Ruffing	
American Goldfinch	1/1/13	Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract	R. Burley	
Evening Grosbeak	2/16/13	Queen Anne's County	D. Kyger	
House Sparrow	1/1/13	Cremen Rd	B. Hubick	
2012 Total Species:	354			

2013 Maryland eBird Stats

Distribution of species and checklists by county and month and change from 2012

Overall, ebirders submitted 65,966 checklists for 350 species in the state of Maryland in 2013.

County	Species (# Change)	Checklists (% Change)
Allegany	195 (-8)	787 (-8.7%)
Anne Arundel	266 (-9)	5,669 (11.8%)
Baltimore	273 (-9)	8,553 (58.2%)
Calvert	235 (-5)	1,590 (63.6%)
Caroline	208 (0)	853 (-0.6%)
Carroll	213 (17)	1,456 (41.9%)
Cecil	229 (-16)	1,050 (2.0%)
Charles	188 (-8)	457 (2.7%)
Dorchester	253 (-11)	2,535 (13.3%)
Frederick	229 (8)	2,906 (13.9%)
Garrett	207 (-1)	1,110 (-17.5%)
Harford	243 (-5)	3,042 (75.4%)
Howard	236 (-5)	6,226 (4.2%)
Kent	225 (-9)	1,150 (-39.5%)
Montgomery	250 (-7)	7,044 (31.3%)
Prince George's	247 (-4)	4,518 (49.7%)
Queen Anne's	231 (-19)	2,065 (-13.3%)
Somerset	220 (-7)	894 (-35.9%)
St Mary's	247 (9)	1,699 (-0.9%)
Talbot	253 (-8)	3,850 (-7.3%)
Washington	204 (15)	1,078 (24.5%)
Wicomico	209 (-14)	1,459 (-4.5%)
Worcester	306 (0)	5,934 (-5.8%)
Total	5,367 (-96)	65,925 (13.4%)

Month	Species (# Change)	Checklists (% Change)
January	195 (-5)	7,334 (17.9%)
February	192 (-10)	8,220 (42.5%)
March	203 (-4)	6,980 (22.3%)
April	263 (6)	7,793 (31.1%)
May	271 (-3)	7,695 (27.6%)
June	238 (-6)	3,826 (1.8%)
July	233 (5)	2,869 (0.7%)
August	244 (-14)	3,602 (-16.0%)
September	251 (-16)	5,016 (10.9%)
October	252 (-10)	4,150 (-9.5%)
November	230 (-5)	4,116 (-7.9%)
December	194 (2)	4,365 (8.0%)
Total	2,766 (-60)	65,966 (13.4%)

eBirders Submitting ≥1 Checklist for MD

Year	Number
2013	2,630
2012	1,345
2011	1,042

Year	Total Checklists	Complete Checklists	Percent Complete
2013	65,966	46,746	70.1%
2012	58,180	39,278	67.5%
2011	49,352	33,223	67.3%

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

20 Most Observed Birds of 2012	
Species	Checklist Percentage
Northern Cardinal	53.45%
Carolina Wren	48.09%
Carolina Chickadee	42.83%
American Crow	41.68%
Tufted Titmouse	39.09%
Mourning Dove	38.93%
Blue Jay	38.85%
American Robin	36.94%
Red-bellied Woodpecker	35.27%
Canada Goose	34.91%
American Goldfinch	34.21%
Downy Woodpecker	33.09%
European Starling	32.74%
Turkey Vulture	32.12%
Song Sparrow	30.31%
Northern Mockingbird	29.04%
Red-winged Blackbird	27.81%
White-throated Sparrow	25.34%
Mallard	24.77%
Great Blue Heron	24.77%

20 Least Observed Birds of 2013	
Species	Checklist Percentage
Common Murre	0.0020%
Bicknell's Thrush	0.0024%
White-faced Storm-Petrel	0.0025%
Arctic Tern	0.0026%
Gull-billed Tern	0.0031%
Magnificent Frigatebird	0.0031%
Western Grebe	0.0035%
Western Kingbird	0.0051%
Eared Grebe	0.0052%
Cave Swallow	0.0055%
Northern Goshawk	0.0063%
Evening Grosbeak	0.0063%
White-winged Dove	0.0065%
Yellow-headed Blackbird	0.0071%
Trumpeter Swan	0.0072%
Franklin's Gull	0.0081%
Black Rail	0.0084%
Atlantic Puffin	0.0084%
Lark Sparrow	0.0098%
Manx Shearwater	0.0119%

Species differences between 2012 and 2013

Seen in 2013 but not 2012	Seen in 2012 but not 2013
Trumpeter Swan	Swainson's Hawk
Pacific Loon	Yellow Rail
White-faced Storm-Petrel	Thayer's Gull
Magnificent Frigatebird	Ruff
Northern Goshawk	Sooty Shearwater
Northern Lapwing	Calliope Hummingbird
Atlantic Puffin	Loggerhead Shrike
Snowy Owl	Pink-footed Goose
Say's Phoebe	Eurasian Collared-Dove
Black-throated Gray Warbler	Virginia's Warbler
Bullock's Oriole	Sabine's Gull

Species Frequency Changes – The following tables show species frequency data in Maryland and changes in frequency between 2012 and 2013 as defined by percentage of ebird checklists. The tables show checklist percentages for four time periods; the six-year average of 2005-2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. The sample size (# of complete checklists) is also listed for each time period. The final column represents the percentage difference in checklist frequency from 2012 to 2013. The tables show the largest increases and decreases in checklist frequency (top 30). These tables are limited to species that appear in at least 0.5% of ebird checklists. **Please note** – Care should be taken not to necessarily assign increases or decreases to changes in a species population. A shift in the pattern of eBird reporting (habitat, season, chasing) will also affect checklist frequencies.

Largest increases in species frequencies from 2012 to 2013 according to eBird data					
	2005-2010 (69,272)	2011 (33,223)	2012 (39,278)	2013 (46,746)	Change from 2012
Greater Scaup	2.05%	2.29%	1.208%	1.859%	53.90%
Lesser Scaup	3.33%	3.30%	3.195%	4.879%	52.68%
Black Scoter	0.93%	0.96%	0.616%	0.911%	47.74%
American Pipit	1.12%	0.95%	0.880%	1.268%	44.17%
Warbling Vireo	1.45%	1.34%	1.495%	2.015%	34.76%
Common Merganser	2.99%	2.56%	2.033%	2.688%	32.21%
Tennessee Warbler	0.43%	0.60%	0.825%	1.061%	28.60%
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	4.02%	4.41%	4.081%	5.173%	26.74%
Blackburnian Warbler	0.54%	0.57%	0.893%	1.131%	26.67%
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5.13%	3.73%	5.656%	6.968%	23.19%
Marsh Wren	1.56%	1.19%	1.229%	1.445%	17.55%
House Wren	8.52%	6.57%	6.972%	8.146%	16.84%
Palm Warbler	2.61%	2.53%	2.691%	3.133%	16.42%
Surf Scoter	2.19%	1.87%	1.384%	1.586%	14.63%
Wild Turkey	1.47%	1.73%	1.562%	1.786%	14.40%
Common Goldeneye	2.47%	2.28%	1.629%	1.861%	14.24%
Eastern Screech-Owl	1.14%	1.10%	0.918%	1.046%	13.87%
House Sparrow	26.67%	17.85%	16.043%	18.094%	12.78%
Dark-eyed Junco	18.44%	16.06%	16.802%	18.870%	12.31%
Long-tailed Duck	2.28%	1.77%	1.417%	1.584%	11.74%
Winter Wren	2.84%	2.72%	3.690%	4.093%	10.92%
Nashville Warbler	0.64%	0.70%	0.685%	0.747%	9.02%
Gadwall	2.96%	3.59%	3.477%	3.786%	8.90%
Pileated Woodpecker	9.73%	9.81%	11.458%	12.406%	8.28%
Blue-headed Vireo	1.25%	0.98%	1.379%	1.493%	8.27%
Redhead	1.10%	1.62%	0.831%	0.895%	7.62%
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6.89%	5.31%	6.234%	6.691%	7.32%
Hermit Thrush	3.62%	2.79%	3.218%	3.453%	7.28%
Yellow-throated Vireo	2.19%	2.17%	2.147%	2.296%	6.92%
Northern Parula	5.79%	6.02%	5.738%	6.119%	6.65%

Largest declines in species frequencies from 2012 to 2013 according to eBird data					
	2005-2010 (69,272)	2011 (33,223)	2012 (39,278)	2013 (46,746)	Change from 2012
Pine Siskin	2.34%	0.60%	2.924%	0.935%	-68.04%
Mute Swan	2.62%	1.49%	0.843%	0.371%	-56.03%
Purple Finch	2.14%	0.70%	2.249%	1.148%	-48.93%
Red-breasted Nuthatch	3.30%	1.36%	6.988%	3.656%	-47.68%
Sora	0.34%	0.45%	0.536%	0.291%	-45.70%
Brown Pelican	1.41%	2.10%	1.793%	0.996%	-44.46%
Virginia Rail	0.69%	0.98%	1.048%	0.660%	-36.96%
Cattle Egret	1.13%	1.41%	1.456%	0.920%	-36.83%
Least Tern	1.78%	2.09%	2.087%	1.358%	-34.94%
Brant	1.10%	1.04%	1.122%	0.736%	-34.39%
Boat-tailed Grackle	1.16%	1.55%	1.438%	0.947%	-34.15%
Little Blue Heron	1.87%	2.73%	2.555%	1.723%	-32.56%
Peregrine Falcon	1.35%	1.41%	1.330%	0.913%	-31.35%
American Oystercatcher	0.99%	1.26%	1.195%	0.821%	-31.33%
American Coot	3.18%	4.83%	4.310%	2.988%	-30.67%
Blackpoll Warbler	2.03%	2.00%	2.024%	1.438%	-28.95%
Dunlin	1.54%	1.44%	1.548%	1.104%	-28.69%
Black-bellied Plover	1.29%	1.48%	0.958%	0.684%	-28.61%
Common Tern	1.52%	1.83%	1.401%	1.004%	-28.36%
Northern Gannet	0.76%	1.07%	1.193%	0.861%	-27.82%
Northern Pintail	1.89%	1.95%	1.953%	1.412%	-27.71%
Blue-winged Teal	1.13%	1.26%	1.609%	1.171%	-27.22%
Red-throated Loon	1.10%	0.88%	1.017%	0.741%	-27.08%
American Woodcock	0.46%	0.48%	0.519%	0.379%	-27.00%
Swainson's Thrush	1.15%	0.82%	1.272%	0.936%	-26.46%
Northern Bobwhite	0.61%	0.71%	0.643%	0.482%	-24.99%
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	1.37%	1.14%	1.554%	1.174%	-24.50%
Snowy Egret	3.25%	4.12%	3.718%	2.845%	-23.48%
Herring Gull	14.99%	16.28%	14.573%	11.155%	-23.46%
Yellow-throated Warbler	1.06%	1.20%	1.575%	1.205%	-23.46%

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

Species to watch

Identified by >30% change from 05-09 to 2013 and sorted by strength of linear trend

Species	05-09	2010	2011	2012	2013	Trend
Mute Swan	3.06%	2.17%	1.49%	0.843%	0.371%	0.994
Sharp-shinned Hawk	4.95%	4.52%	4.13%	3.681%	3.077%	0.990
Tennessee Warbler	0.38%	0.47%	0.60%	0.825%	1.061%	0.984
Snow Goose	1.77%	1.91%	1.49%	1.010%	0.875%	0.958
Eared Grebe	0.18%	0.07%	0.04%	0.014%	0.005%	0.953
Winter Wren	3.13%	2.49%	2.72%	3.690%	4.093%	0.947
Short-billed Dowitcher	1.20%	0.98%	0.94%	0.747%	0.651%	0.947
Blackburnian Warbler	0.57%	0.51%	0.57%	0.893%	1.131%	0.945
Rock Pigeon	14.36%	12.07%	11.39%	10.918%	9.312%	0.926
Ring-necked Pheasant	0.15%	0.14%	0.09%	0.084%	0.022%	0.925
Northern Shrike	0.11%	0.27%	0.12%	0.064%	0.015%	0.920
Common Gallinule	0.34%	0.37%	0.33%	0.139%	0.104%	0.912
Common Eider	0.27%	0.41%	0.23%	0.167%	0.115%	0.905
Bicknell's Thrush	0.04%	0.02%	0.01%	0.009%	0.002%	0.905
Great Crested Flycatcher	5.98%	6.90%	7.25%	8.749%	8.753%	0.868
Common Grackle	28.66%	24.74%	21.16%	20.275%	19.420%	0.865
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1.73%	1.86%	1.84%	2.367%	2.518%	0.862
Purple Sandpiper	0.60%	0.48%	0.48%	0.337%	0.314%	0.851
Barn Owl	0.14%	0.15%	0.08%	0.071%	0.049%	0.851
Chipping Sparrow	13.83%	15.13%	15.20%	17.745%	18.028%	0.848