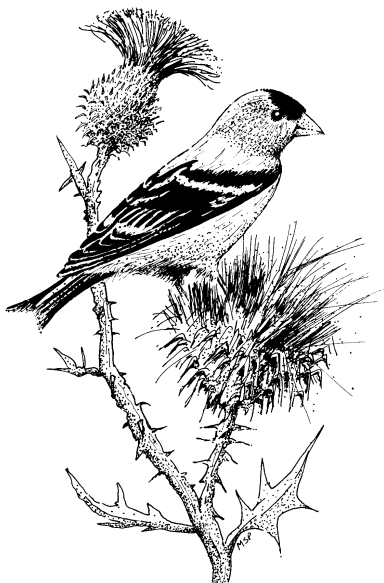


The Goldfinch

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CLUB MEETINGS - BY JANE GEUDER

Thursday, November 13, 2008 "Patuxent Wildlife Research Center's Whooping Crane Recovery Program," by Kathleen O'Malley. Kathleen worked in the crane recovery program for 21 years as Animal Care Foreman and Outreach Coordinator. She was in charge of chick rearing for most of that time. Today, she raises chicks every summer as a volunteer as well as runs the Friends of Patuxent's Adopt-a-Whooper program.

Thursday, December 11, 2008 "Wildlife of the Galapagos," by Steve Kendt. Steve and his wife, Rachel, visited all of the major islands in the archipelago during a two-week trip in October 2007. They crossed the equator several times, making morning and afternoon landings at different sites. Images will include most of the endemic target birds such as the Flightless Cormorant, the Galapagos Penguin, Hawk, Dove, and Flycatcher, as well as Lava and Swallow-tailed gulls. Non-avian fauna such as marine and land iguanas, Galapagos tortoises, sea turtles, and Sally Lightfoot crabs were also seen.

Meetings are held at Howard County Recreation & Parks Headquarters 7120 Oakland Mills Road, Columbia, MD 21046. Hospitality and club bookstore at 7:30 p.m. Meeting with program begins at 8:00 p.m. For further information call Tom Miller, 410-795-7005.

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SUMMER BIRD RECORDS: JUNE 1 TO JULY 31, 2008

BY JOANNE SOLEM

Summer produced an array of fine species headlined by the county's first Eurasian Collared-Dove, the fifth and sixth White Ibis records, and the first-ever summer Forster's Tern. Other notable sightings included Little Blue Heron, Cattle Egret, Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, Sora, Red-headed Woodpecker, Bank Swallow, Savannah Sparrow, and Swamp Sparrow.

Long-legged waders provided

many of the best seasonal records. An adult **Little Blue Heron** was present at Race Rd Wetlands 6/22 (NM,JS), and a **Cattle Egret** was spotted briefly along nearby Hanover Rd 7/10 (SSch). Thirteen **Great Blue Herons** were counted at Lake Kittamaqundi 7/2 (SN). **Great Egrets** were reported throughout the period with a modest high of four at Race Rd 7/11-20 (NM). Single **Black-crowned Night-Herons** were noted at

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Wilde Lake 6/9–13 (CN–juv.), Forebay Pond 6/13 (SN–ad.), and Race Rd 6/22–7/20 (NM,EH,JS–ad.). Most of the **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** sightings were at Lake Elkhorn from late June (MSt) to late July with a maximum of three ad. 7/22 (E&DPr) and two juv. 7/4 (SN+). Race Rd produced one juv. 7/13 (NM,EH,JS). The county's fifth **White Ibis** (and first adult) was present briefly at Race Rd 7/13 (NM–ph., EH,JS). Unprecedented in one year, much less one season, was a second **White Ibis** (juv.) spotted along the Patapsco River west of Daniels 7/27 (NM,JS–ph.) to 7/29 (MO'S).

Ospreys were reported twice: Lake Kittamaqundi 6/2 (R&JG) and 6/15 (SN). Two or three **Cooper's Hawk** fledglings appeared in a Hammond Village yard 7/25 (GCh). A **Sora** was still present at the University of Maryland Central Farm (UMDCF) 6/5 (BO,JS). The **Killdeer** high was 42 counted at Browns Bridge 7/31 (BHi). The first autumn **Greater Yellowlegs** stopped at Western Regional Park 7/27; a maximum of five were there 7/29 (BHi). Two **Lesser Yellowlegs** at Fulton and seven at Browns Bridge on 7/27 marked both their arrival and the high count (KS). **Solitary Sandpipers** reached a peak of 15 at Browns Bridge 7/31 (BHi). **Semipalmated Sandpipers** were few with two at Western 7/27 and one the following day (BHi). A **Least Sandpiper** was detected at Western 7/10, a new early arrival date (BHi); the high was 23 at Browns Bridge 7/31 (BHi). Two **Pectoral Sandpipers** were noted at Western 7/26–28 (BHi).

A **Ring-billed Gull** flew over

Manahan Dr. 7/22 (BO); two were present at Triadelphia Reservoir 7/29, along with a record-early **Forster's Tern** (BHi).

The county's first **Eurasian Colared-Dove** record was serendipitous. **Wes Earp's** job took him to a farm on St. Michaels Rd where the bird was seen on 6/2. (It may have been present from as early as the middle of May.) Because the bird could not be observed from the road, Wes obtained permission from the landowners to lead birders to the site three times during the following 10 days, with the last report 6/12. Multiple photos can be seen at the club's website.

Cuckoos, for the most part, arrived late and in small numbers. **Black-billed**s were reported twice: Win-copin Neck 7/27 (WE,MMcC, GMcC) and Jennings Chapel Rd 7/28 (WE). Three **Barred Owls** (one fledgling) were noted in a Bethany Lane yard 6/18 (N&RBk). At least one **Red-headed Woodpecker** was present from 6/2 (JS,NM) to 7/21 (WE) at a farm on St. Michaels Rd.

Twenty-one **Acadian Flycatchers** were counted along the Patapsco River west from Henryton 6/1 (NM). Six **Willow Flycatchers** and three **Warbling Vireos** were present at the UMDCF 6/5 (BO,JS). **Horned Larks**, including a fledgling, were seen at Western through the period (BHi). Early July brought 50+ **Tree Swallows** to a yard south of Sykesville (FLv). One **Bank Swallow** on 6/2 near Coca-Cola Dr was in the vicinity of a colony that no longer exists (JMa,DJh). One or two **Cliff Swallows** were observed near the US29 bridge over the Middle Patuxent River 6/22 and 7/2 (JW).

The colony under the MD32 bridge at Sykesville was successful. The exodus from those nest sites was highly concentrated: on 7/13 there were 35–40, 7/14–2, and 7/15–0 (FLv). On 7/16, at least 50 were feeding over a yard about a mile south of Sykesville (FLv).

At least two **Pine Warblers** were present 6/4–7/17 at undeveloped No. Laurel Park (JS). A **Prairie Warbler** was reported at Bushy Park Rd 6/28 (JW). One of the few migrant warblers lingering into June was a **Blackpoll** at Brush Run, E. Columbia 6/2 (JW). Other warblers reported were a **Black-and-white** and a **Worm-eating** 6/7 at Henryton (KS); 13 **Louisiana Waterthrushes** at Henryton 6/1 (NM), and single **American Redstarts** at High Ridge Park 6/4 (JS) and Talbots Landing 7/28 (R&JG).

Three **Savannah Sparrows** were still present at Alpha Ridge Landfill 6/14. This date suggests breeding at a site where nesting was confirmed during the most recent atlas (RC). Savannahs may have nested in fields along A.E. Mullinix Rd where the species was observed on 6/6 (JW–1) and 6/28 (JW–2, 1 singing). **Grasshopper Sparrows** were reported from central and western county locations: UMDCF 6/5 (BO,JS–2), A.E. Mullinix 6/6 (JW–2), Western 6/8 (BHi) and 7/27 (KS), and Old Frederick Rd/Underwood Rd 7/5 (JW–1). More than 40 **Song Sparrows** were counted at UMDCF 6/5 (BO,JS). A **Swamp Sparrow** was present at Race Rd 6/22, the only breeding location confirmed during the recent atlas (NM,JS).

June **Blue Grosbeaks** were re-

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ported from Mission Rd, Fulton, and Florence Rd (**JW**); two were at Race Rd 7/20 (**NM, EH, JS**). **Eastern Meadowlarks** were spotted at Mt. Pleasant 6/14 (**KS**), A.E. Mullinix Rd 6/28 (**JW**), and St. Michaels Rd 7/16 (**WE**). An **Orchard Oriole** nest with young was observed near Coca-Cola Dr 6/2 (**JMa, DJh**).

Spring addendum: A **Pine Siskin** was last seen at feeders at Manahan Dr on 5/26, a record late date (**BO**).

UMDCF – University of Maryland Central Farm
ph.—photograph

Observers: **NBk** – Nancy Burke, **RBk** – Robert Burke, **GCh** – George Chase, **RC** – Ralph Cullison, III, **WE** – Wesley Earp, **JG** – Jane Geuder, **RG** – Ralph Geuder, **BHi** – Bill Hill, **EH** – Emmalyn Holdridge, **DJh** – Diane Johns, **FLv** – Felicia Lovelett, **NM** – Nancy Magnusson, **JMa** – John Maloney, **GMcC** – Grazina McClure, **MMcC** – Mike McClure, **SN** – Sue Neri, **CN** – Carol Newman, **MO'S** – Michael O'Sullivan, **BO** – Bonnie Ott, **DPr** – Dave Pardoe, **EPr** – Elaine Pardoe, **KS** – Kurt Schwarz, **SSch** – Steve Schwemmer, **JS** – Jo Solem, **MSt** – Michelle Stewart, **JW** – Jim Wilkinson.



Eurasian Collared-Dove

photograph by Sue Earp

THE WAY FORWARD ON GLOBAL WARMING

BY KURT SCHWARZ

The Maryland General Assembly passed the Healthy Air Act in the 2006 session. Under that act, Maryland joined a Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) along with nine other states. The RGGI caps those states' carbon emissions at 188 million tons through 2014. After that, the cap will be lowered by 2.5 percent per year. To meet that goal, utilities will have to either buy allowances through auctions or make reductions in their carbon

output. Because of the RGGI, economic incentives will now drive greenhouse gas reductions. Maryland began participating in the auction system on September 25, 2008. Proceeds from the allowance auctions will be used to provide Maryland residents with services to help them lower power consumption through energy efficiency. Thanks to the League of Conservation Voters for this timely information.

CALCULATING YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Since Maryland has capped greenhouse gas emissions, you may now be asking yourself, "What can I do?" One of the best ways to start is to calculate your carbon footprint. This will allow you to determine the best methods for your household to reduce the carbon and other greenhouse gases it produces. There are several websites that allow you to calculate your carbon footprint. Try www.nature.org/initiatives/climatechange/calculator/ for one example. You can also type "carbon footprint" into a search engine for other sites.

SUMMARY OF THE 2008 HOWARD COUNTY FALL COUNT

BY MIKE MCCLURE AND CHUCK STIRRAT

The fifteenth annual Howard County Fall Count was conducted on Sept. 20th, 2008. All field counters agreed it was a very slow day of birding with a total of 115 species observed, making this Fall Count below average. Comparison totals are as follows: high, 136 on 9/19/1998; low 108 on 9/18/2004; average, 124 species.

The number of participants and parties (53 and 30) was split compared to last year's (48 and 33) with five extra people but three fewer parties. The participants provided 191 hours of field counting time. The mileage was 335 compared to the average of 379 miles. The total of individual birds tallied to 15,037 which is below the average. Comparisons to prior years are high, 26,651 on 9/17/1994; low, 9,293 on 9/18/2004; average, 17,211 birds. Finally, there were 24 warbler species identified compared to prior years (high, 30; low, 13; average, 24 species) with 491 individual warblers sighted compared to an average of 441.

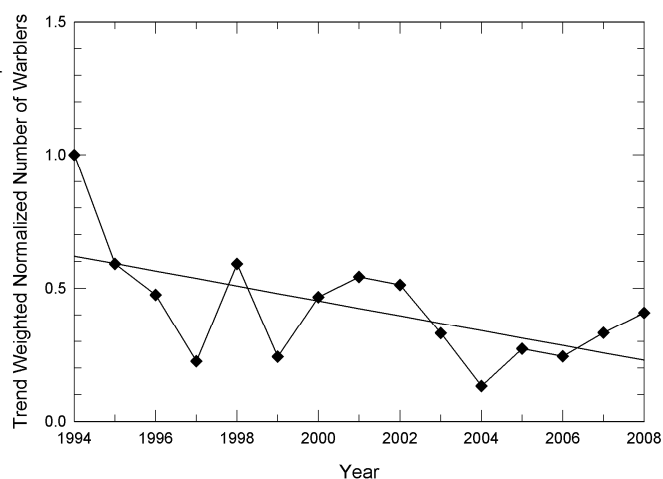
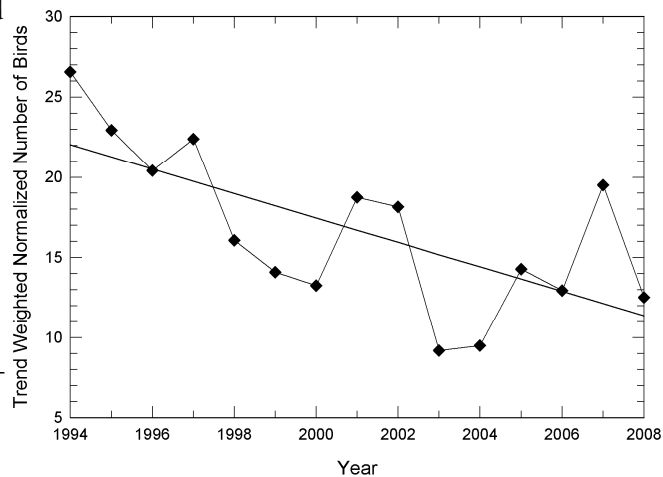
Fall Count has been adversely affected by the weather on eight occasions (53% of the time). These weather events ranged from severe drought, to extensive rainfall, to unseasonably hot and humid conditions, to comfortable temperature and humidity accompanied by high winds for the day. Saturday's temperature started in the upper 40's at 6:00 a.m. under light cloud cover, rising to 68° in late afternoon with lingering light cloud cover. The humidity was comfort-

able (dew point: 49° at 6:00 a.m. rising to 55° by 6:00 p.m.). Winds were light throughout the day. In spite of the delightful weather, the count was very slow with the birds only showing up at a very slow rate and frustrating all of the participants. This was after the arrival of some cooler and drier air during the morning of the preceding day. This northern air mass apparently didn't bring in the numbers of migrants that everyone was hoping for. In fact, the lack of migration is a growing problem observed on all of the annual counts. This problem is further reflected in the data from the 15 years of Fall Counts as shown on the graphics for the number of individual birds and warblers observed countywide.

The accompanying table presents the count data (results by area are posted on the club web site). There were 15 species for which there was only one bird sighted countywide and four species for which there were only two birds sighted countywide. Species showing moderately high numbers (>500) are Canada Goose, 614; Blue Jay, 1,389; American Robin, 1,239; Gray Catbird, 630; European Starling, 1,483; Northern Cardinal 758; and American Goldfinch, 695.

Thanks to the following participants: Giff & Randy Beaton, **Bill & Karan Blum (Area 4)**, Monika Botsai, Jim & Marilyn Brinkley, Joe Byrnes, Laura Cleveland, Dennis & Jane Coskren, Jeff Culler, Ralph Cullison III, **Karen Darcy (Area 3 Co-coordinator)**, Susan Earp, **Wes Earp (Area 1 Co-coordinator)**, Ward Ebert, Tom Feild, John Finedore, **Kevin Hefernan (Area 3 Co-coordinator)**, Jane Heim, Bill & Gayle Hill, Emy Holdridge, Mike Leumas, Felicia Lovelett, Bob & Brigitte Lund, Nancy Magnusson, Grazina McClure, **Mike McClure (County Co-coordinator)**, Tom Miller, Sue

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HOWARD COUNTY FALL COUNT RESULTS—SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

Species	Totals	Species	Totals	Species	Totals
Canada Goose	614	Philadelphia Vireo	3	Ovenbird	3
Wood Duck	27	Red-eyed Vireo	63	Northern Waterthrush	1
Mallard	150	Blue Jay	1,389	Common Yellowthroat	150
Ruddy Duck	1	American Crow	445	Hooded Warbler	1
Double-crested Cormorant	5	Fish Crow	27	Wilson's Warbler	1
Great Blue Heron	29	<i>crow species</i>	251	<i>warbler species</i>	30
Great Egret	5	Horned Lark	230	Scarlet Tanager	14
Green Heron	13	Tree Swallow	160	Eastern Towhee	92
Black Vulture	136	N. Rough-winged Swallow	2	Chipping Sparrow	136
Turkey Vulture	325	Barn Swallow	1	Field Sparrow	47
Osprey	3	Carolina Chickadee	472	Savannah Sparrow	16
Bald Eagle [ad/im/unk]	6	Tufted Titmouse	360	Song Sparrow	118
Sharp-shinned Hawk	13	White-breasted Nuthatch	166	Swamp Sparrow	1
Cooper's Hawk	9	Carolina Wren	349	<i>sparrow species</i>	24
<i>accipiter species</i>	6	House Wren	36	Northern Cardinal	758
Red-shouldered Hawk	71	Winter Wren	1	Rose-breasted Grosbeak	11
Broad-winged Hawk	67	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6	Blue Grosbeak	10
Red-tailed Hawk	42	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3	Indigo Bunting	163
American Kestrel	23	Eastern Bluebird	228	Bobolink	35
Killdeer	69	Veery	3	Red-winged Blackbird	35
Solitary Sandpiper	3	Swainson's Thrush	7	Eastern Meadowlark	18
Ring-billed Gull	4	Wood Thrush	21	Common Grackle	137
Rock Pigeon	405	American Robin	1,239	Brown-headed Cowbird	177
Mourning Dove	488	Gray Catbird	630	<i>blackbird species</i>	20
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	12	Northern Mockingbird	225	House Finch	231
Eastern Screech-Owl	6	Brown Thrasher	102	American Goldfinch	695
Great Horned Owl	3	European Starling	1,483	House Sparrow	322
Barred Owl	9	Cedar Waxwing	105	County Total Birds:	15,037
Common Nighthawk	1	Tennessee Warbler	4	County Total Species:	115
Chimney Swift	95	Nashville Warbler	3	Time Start:	4:00 a
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	27	Northern Parula	22	Time Stop:	11:45 p
Belted Kingfisher	28	Yellow Warbler	1	Hours on Foot:	148.2
Red-headed Woodpecker	3	Chestnut-sided Warbler	11	Hours by Car:	28.9
Red-bellied Woodpecker	279	Magnolia Warbler	45	Miles on Foot:	89.5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	2	Cape May Warbler	1	Miles by Car:	245.6
Downy Woodpecker	179	Blk.-thrt'd. Blue Warbler	32	Hours Feeder Watching:	2.0
Hairy Woodpecker	31	Blk.-thrt'd. Green Warbler	37	Hours Stationary:	5.0
Northern (Yellow-sh'd) Flicker	119	Blackburnian Warbler	1	Hours "Owling":	2.5
Pileated Woodpecker	31	Yellow-throated Warbler	1	Miles "Owling":	4.0
Eastern Wood-Pewee	30	Pine Warbler	8	Total Observers in County:	53
Acadian Flycatcher	1	Prairie Warbler	1	Total Parties:	30
Least Flycatcher	2	Palm Warbler	59	Total Party-Hours (Reg.):	177.1
<i>Empidonax species</i>	20	Bay-breasted Warbler	2	Total Party-Hours (Feeder):	2.0
Eastern Phoebe	72	Blackpoll Warbler	2	Total Pty-Hours (Station'y):	5.0
Great Crested Flycatcher	4	Cerulean Warbler	1	Total Party-Hours (Owling):	2.5
White-eyed Vireo	8	Black-&-white Warbler	39	Total Party-Hours:	186.6
Yellow-throated Vireo	3	American Redstart	35	Total Party-Miles:	339.1

FALL FIELD TRIPS - BY BONNIE OTT


Field trips are a great way to improve birding skills, explore new places, and meet other birders. Arrive at the meeting site ready to leave at the designated time with appropriate footwear and gear. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. The leader may cancel due to inclement weather/hazardous driving conditions. Directions for locations not on ADC maps are on the Club's website. Questions? Contact the trip leader or Field Trip Coordinator Bonnie Ott at bonnieott@verizon.net. HCBC members receive priority on trips with a limited number of participants. No pets.


 **CENTENNIAL PARK**
Nov. 2, Sun. 8:00 a.m. (2-3 hours)
Meet at West parking lot on Centennial Lane. Easy walking on paved path around Centennial Lake. Woodlands, fields and water host a wide variety of species. Great view of the sky for flyovers. Early waterfowl, lingering migrants likely. Facilities available. Leader- Bonnie Ott 410-461-3361.

 **CENTENNIAL PARK**
Nov. 9, Sun. 8:00 a.m. (2-3 hours)
Meet at West parking lot on Centennial Lane. See November 2nd for description. Leaders- Jeff Culler 410-465-9006 and Joe Byrnes 410-730-5329.

HOWARD WATERFOWL SEARCH
Nov. 15, Sat. 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Meet at the Broken Land Parkway parking lot at Lake Elkhorn. Plan to visit the Columbia lakes to search

for gulls, ducks, grebes, loons, and other waterfowl. Easy walking involved. Plan to carpool. Bring lunch and drinks. Scopes helpful. Facilities available at some locations. Leader- Stan Arnold 410-768-0155.

 **CENTENNIAL PARK**
Nov. 16, Sun. 8:00 a.m. (2-3 hours)
Meet at West parking lot on Centennial Lane. See November 2nd for description. Leaders- Kevin Hefernan and Karen Darcy 410-418-8731.

 **CENTENNIAL PARK**
Nov. 23, Sun. 8:00 a.m. (2-3 hours)
Meet at West parking lot on Centennial Lane. See November 2nd for description. Leader- Richard Orr 410-730-7290.

BLACKWATER REFUGE
Dec. 6, Sat. (All day)
Call Stan to reserve a spot and get

details. Plan to stop at the Chop-tank River Bridge for ducks and coffee. Visitors' Center will have an open house. Free admission. Bring lunch and drinks. Dress warmly! Facilities at some locations. Leader- Stan Arnold 410-768-0155.

START YOUR 2009 LIST
Jan. 1, Thurs. (8:00 - 11:00 a.m.)
Meet at Centennial Park boat ramp; South entrance on Md 108. Easy walking on paved paths and woodland trails. Plan to carpool to different locations to find as many species as possible. The one day of the year on which every bird is new! Facilities available. Leader- Bonnie Ott 410-461-3361. Call for more info.

 = Great for beginning birders

HABITAT PRESERVATION EFFORT

Wildlife habitat preservation is a continuing objective of the bird club and in past years it has been financially supported by profits from the annual seed sale and generous voluntary donations. As announced in the last issue of *The Goldfinch*, we are not sponsoring a seed sale this year and the Board of Directors has begun planning to support this habitat preservation goal by other means.

One possibility under consideration is a direct invitation for donations to support a specific purpose or activity that has not yet been determined. Readers are invited to contribute thoughts and ideas to this planning effort either through Ward Ebert (wardebert@verizon.net) or other officers or directors of the bird club.

SITE GUIDE UPDATE

The following Site Guides have been posted on the website:

Sewell's Orchard Community Park
Woodstock Road (PVSP)
Marriottsville Road (PVSP)
Henryton Road (PVSP)

There are now more than 25 site guides available on the website.

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Neri, **Bonnie Ott (Area 6)**, Karla Pearce, Ron & Susan Polniaszek, **Kurt Schwarz (Area 5)**, Lisa Smith, Romayne Smith, Bob & Jo Solem, **Chuck Stirrat (County Co-coordinator)**, Ralph Stokes, **Eva Sunell (Area 7)**, June Tveekrem, Marilyn Veek, **Mark Wallace (Area 1 Co-coordinator)**, Jim Wilkinson, Paul Woodford, and Michele Wright. **Lastly, a very special thanks to Don and Martha Waugh who hosted the evening tally.**

Plan now to join us on a future seasonal count and if possible attend the tally as well. Next year the 2009 Fall Count will be held on the 3rd Saturday of September which will be the 19th.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted, at the home of the board member listed. If directions are required, please call the hosting board member.

November 20, Thursday (Note: This is the **third** Thursday.)
Ward Ebert
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Clarksville, MD 21029
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December: No board meeting

THIRD ANNUAL HOWARD COUNTY DRAGONFLY COUNT RESULTS

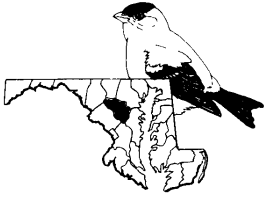
BY JUNE TVEEKREM & AMANDA WITT

The third annual Howard County Dragonfly Count, jointly sponsored by the Howard County Bird Club and Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks, was held on August 23, 2008. This year's count got off to a slow start because of mostly cloudy weather in the morning, with occasional peeks of sunshine. Fortunately, the sun became more consistent during the afternoon and the odonate activity increased. The temperature was in the low to mid 80's with high humidity.

The twenty-three participants tallied 38 species of odonates totaling 1,892 individuals. Some of the better finds were American Rubyspot, Swamp Spreadwing, Stream Bluet, and Swift River Cruiser. The full list of species and numbers is shown in the accompanying table. The complete results are posted online at <http://southernspreadwing.com/odes/count2008/> and photos are posted online at <http://junetvee.smugmug.com/Nature>.

Many thanks to this year's participants: Pat Caro, Dave Chen, Stephanie Chen, **Ken Clayton (co-leader Area 3)**, Sue Earp, Wes Earp, Tom Feild, Amanda Goldberg, Beth Johnson, Nancy Magnusson, Grazina McClure, Mike McClure, **Sue Muller (co-leader Area 3)**, Richard Orr, **Bob Ringler (Area 2)**, Kurt Schwarz, Bill Sherman, David Smith, **Bob Solem (Area 4)**, **Jo Solem (Area 5)**, Robin Todd, **June Tveekrem (Area 1)**, and **Count Coordinator**, and Michele Wright.

Odonate Species	Number
Ebony Jewelwing	61
American Rubyspot	20
Southern Spreadwing	6
Slender Spreadwing	4
Swamp Spreadwing	4
Blue-fronted Dancer	68
Violet Dancer	35
Powdered Dancer	43
Blue-tipped Dancer	29
Dusky Dancer	39
Familiar Bluet	32
Stream Bluet	2
Skimming Bluet	4
Orange Bluet	9
Lilypad Forktail	7
Fragile Forktail	256
Easter Forktail	73
Common Green Darner	82
Fawn Darner	5
Dragonhunter	11
Black-shouldered Spinyleg	1
Common Sanddragon	1
Swift River Cruiser	2
Prince Baskettail	2
Blue Dasher	295
Calico Pennant	2
Halloween Pennant	37
Common Pondhawk	217
Common Whitetail	72
Eastern Amberwing	293
Slaty Skimmer	20
Widow Skimmer	27
Twelve-spotted Skimmer	19
Ruby Meadowhawk	3
Carolina Saddlebags	7
Black Saddlebags	91
Wandering Glider	10
Spot-winged Glider	3
Totals	1892



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YOUTH BIRDING EQUIPMENT CONTEST

Do you know a child who is interested in birding, but lacks the right equipment? Then please tell them about the contest our bird club is having! The lucky winner will receive a backpack filled with a pair of Eagle Optics Triumph 8x42 binoculars, an auto-graphed copy of *The Young Birder's Guide to Birds of Eastern North America* by Bill Thompson III, and other assorted guides. In addition, the winner will receive a free one-year membership in the Howard

County Bird Club.

The contest is open to all children, ages 9-13, who reside in Howard County. To enter the contest, please submit an essay of no more than 250 words entitled "My Favorite Bird Watching Experience." Make sure you include your name, age, and contact information on your entry. For additional information or to apply, please contact Tom Miller 6404 Glasgow Circle,

Eldersburg, MD 21784 or BirderTWM@verizon.net. The deadline for submissions is **December 31, 2008**. Good luck!

The backpack and its contents are made possible by the state MOS Education Committee, which is providing a backpack to each MOS chapter.

