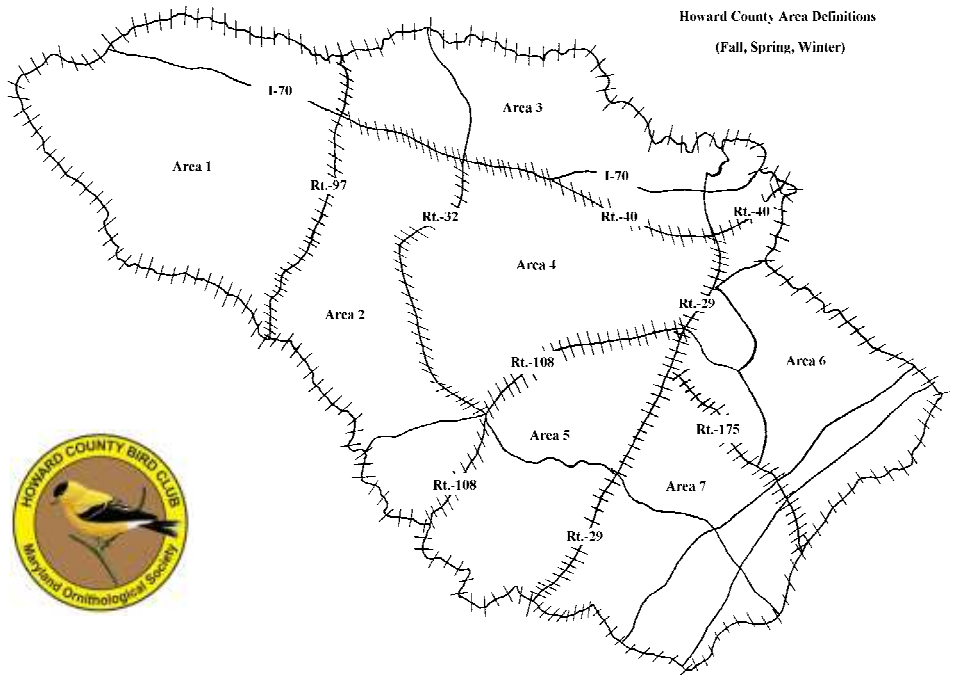


Boundaries for Howard County Bird Count Areas

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A standard set of areas are now used for all three seasonal bird counts conducted in Howard County. The definitions of these areas are described below and shown in the accompanying figure. The count results are collected and published using these area boundaries. If you have a preference for counting in one area contact the coordinator for that area or specify the area when you call the county count coordinator to volunteer.



Area 1: Western sections of Howard County west of MD 97, bordered by Montgomery County to southwest and Carroll County to the north. Includes the western end of Patuxent River State Park. Rural farm areas. Several farms not open to the public are accessed.

Area 2: Bordered by MD 97 on west, I-70 on north, Montgomery County on south, and on east is bounded by MD 32 north of Clarksville and MD 108 south to county line. Includes Triadelphia Reservoir area of WSSC.

Area 3: Bordered on west by MD 97, on north and east by Patapsco River and on south by US 40 till it joins I-70 and then I-70 west to MD 97.

Includes Mt. Pleasant, Patapsco St. Park [Daniels, Hollofield (N), Henryton], David Force Park, Hugg-Thomas WMA, and Alpha Ridge Landfill and Park.

Area 4: Central portions of county bordered on west by MD 32, on south by MD 108, on east by US 29 and on north by US 40/I-70. Includes Centennial Park, Univ. of Maryland Central Farm, Benson Branch Environmental Area, and Glenelg Country School.

Area 5: South central portion of county bordered by MD 108 on west & north, by US 29 on east, and Montgomery County to south. Includes Wilde Lake, Browns Bridge (WSSC), Howard Comm. College, Lake Kittamaquidi,

JHU/APL, Middle Patuxent River valley, Schooley Mill Park.

Area 6: Eastern end of county bordered by US 40 and the Patapsco River on the north, US 29 on the west, MD 175 on the south, and Anne Arundel County on the east. It includes Rockburn Branch Park, Patapsco Valley St. Park (Avalon, Hollofield (S)), Belmont Conference Center, and New Cut Landfill.

Area 7: Southeast corner of county, bordered by US 29 on the west, MD 175 on the north, Prince Georges County on the south and Anne Arundel County on the east. Includes Rocky Gorge Reservoir area (WSSC), Lake Elkhorn, and Gateway.