If, like me, you were planning to take part in this year’s “Mid-winter Bird Count” (Sat. 23 Jan 2016), you will know that Mother Nature scuttled our plans with a meteorological broadside. She divined a blizzard for the ages, and paralyzed the area with a record snowfall of 29.2” at BWI. Her sudden disruptive forces kept us snowbound, snowed-in, and shoveling-out for 4-5 days; and reminded us (once again) that “Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans.” (Aside: John Lennon penned that advisory in “Beautiful Boy” a song he wrote and sang for his son, Sean. - But I digress). The impact of “Jonas” (bad as that storm was) would have been much worse but for Rick Ayers, Harford County’s emergency manager, and local herald of life-threatening events. Rick began phoning details of the storm days in advance of its arrival. We knew its size, the hour it would begin, how long it would last, the winds it was packing; and we had time to “hunker down” with food, water, flashlights, batteries, charged cell phones, etc. etc.! - - - But, - - - what about our backyard birds? Do they have an early, storm-warning system? If so, how efficient is it? Both are interesting questions, and open to Q&A observations during the onset of a blizzard. So, on Friday morning (22 Jan) I loaded-up my feeders, and prepared for a quasi-scientific vigil. In graduate school at the University of Maryland, College Park, I once conducted a rudimentary study of Zugengruhe (restless flight) as it relates to avian migratory activity. My basic equipment consisted of an 8’ x 8’ x 6’ flight cage, and a small flock of 15 White-throated Sparrows (Zonotrichia albicollis). The outdoor-cage was set in an open recess and aligned so that its 4 corners faced north, south, east and west. Each corner was fitted with a delicate perch attached to a sensitive microswitch, which in turn was wired electrically to a bank of strip-chart recorders. During 3 initial fair-weather days, the 24-hour recordings of bird activity showed equal numbers of randomly distributed chart-spikes from all 4 microswitches. However, as luck would have it, a low-pressure system developed on day 4, and bird activity shifted dramatically south approximately 5-6 hours before the storm arrived. While it is truly difficult to correlate migratory activity with weather, I believe my findings indicated that White-throated Sparrows are potentially sensitive to changes in barometric pressure, and they can respond to that sensitivity with local, directional migrations that allow them to cope with incoming storms by moving into more favorable environments. Evidence in the literature indicates that there are great variations among migratory birds in their sensitivity and response to weather. Knowing that some birds do respond to quickly changing, unseasonable weather, I settled into my Jonas-blizzard-watch to look for “tell-tale signs” of pre-storm changes in feeding behavior, and to assay my obvious loss of the mid-winter count. FYI. During the 4 hours prior to the gathering storm (12-4 p.m. Friday 22 Jan) there was a gradual acceleration and increased sense of urgency in the kinetic patterns of feeding activity that varied between species. By Saturday morning, the 18” of snow on the ground, and haze of swirling snow in the air, brought 26 species of birds and 5 deer to our feeders. Our White-throat population increased from 3 to 23.

Happy Trails and Good Birding,
Bob Werrlein

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**Club News?**
Have news the club should know about? Births, deaths, marriages, or any other notable events that belong in the newsletter? Please contact Corresponding Secretary Madeline Lovera at 410-879-6098 or email to lovebluebird206@gmail.com.

**Welcome!**
A warm Harford Bird Club welcome goes out to the following new members. Thank you for joining... we look forward to seeing you out there on our birding trips and at our meetings!

**JUDY STILES** of BEL AIR
**SUSAN STILES** of JARRESTVILLE

Also, welcome back to

**PAUL GARTLEMAN** of FOREST HILL

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**Sean McCandless to Speak at March Meeting**
The March dinner meeting presentation "**Identification of Warblers**" by Sean McCandless (President of the Cecil County Bird Club) gives a holistic approach to recognizing nesting and migratory warblers by sight, sound, habitat and behavior. With an eye toward spring, Sean's audio-visual presentation is awe-inspiring. His color photos are vivid, up-close and personal, and the vocalizations make his birds seem to come alive. It will make you want to head for the woods in April and May to witness their arrival and migration.

At our business meeting we will present the 2015 Annual Awards for Bird of the Year, Birder of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Lister of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, and new this year, the Horizon Award for our Young Birder of the Year. Who will be the winners? Come to the meeting and find out.

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**Harford Birdlife**

by Monroe Harden

Our unusual winter has produced some unusual birds. Some of them have been around for a while, so you might be able to go see them if you haven’t already. This report covers Harford County bird sightings from December 1st, 2015 through January 31st, 2016.

**Geese, Ducks, Pelican**

DK found a Ross’s Goose at Turney’s Pond in northern Harford County on Dec 14th. This was only the second record of this species at the pond. MJ saw 2 Cackling Geese and a Mute Swan at Bynum Run Park on Dec 31st. He noted that he had never seen a Mute Swan there in his 20 years’ experience visiting this site. DL saw a Surf Scoter in the Susquehanna River near Lapidum on Jan 7th.

JJ reported a Brown Pelican flying around the Susquehanna Flats area between Havre de Grace and Perryville on Jan 30th. He captured the bird on video. The bird flew very close to his boat and landed nearby too. Local hunters said it had been around the area for a while before that date.

**Falcon, Shorebirds, Gulls, Owl**

MB saw a Peregrine Falcon at Conowingo Dam on Dec 6th. AP found a Long-billed Dowitcher on the ice at Swan Harbor on Jan 7th. HF also saw it there the next day, along with 2 Wilson’s Snipes. MS saw the first-winter Iceland Gull at Conowingo Dam on Dec 20th. This bird was first reported there in November.

DS saw it on Jan 4th. DK said that the Eastern Screech-Owl living in the Wood Duck box near his home in northern Harford County was visible on a regular basis. This is the fourth year he has seen this bird in the box.

**Raven, Warbler, Sparrow, Blackbird, Finch**

KH saw a Common Raven flying over Jerry’s Road on Jan 25th. MJ found a Blue-winged Warbler at Swan Harbor on Dec 13th. RK heard and saw a Lincoln’s Sparrow near Dublin on Dec 13th. OZ found an adult male Yellow-headed Blackbird in Joppatowne on Jan 23rd. BW had a Pine Siskin at his feeder in Forest Hill on Jan 30th.

**Contributors**


**Harford Youth Activities**

By Ruth Bergstrom

The 2016 Christmas Bird Count for Kids was held on January 16 at Swan Harbor Farm in Havre de Grace. Thankfully the temperature was 30 degrees higher than last year, helping with a species count of 47 versus 31 in 2015. Twenty-seven youth between the ages of 5-13 were split into 5 teams and headed out into different areas with our excellent field trip leaders and their assistants. Mark S. Johnson’s team, the Tweet Birds, spotted the most species with 27 including Savannah and Fox Sparrows, and our only Brown Creeper and Hairy Woodpecker. Matt Hafner’s “Buffleheads” recorded 22 species including ten Buffleheads, and an impressive 18 Pied-billed Grebes. Only one species behind was Phil Power’s “Team Caw Caw” who saw 25 Song and 20 White-throated Sparrows and 4 Eastern Bluebirds. Our host Peggy Eppig’s “Rocking Pigeons” did in fact record 6 pigeons, but were also treated to a male and female Northern Harrier. Our youngest group – the “Bluebirds” headed by Rachel Hebert, recorded 13 species and stumbled onto a Cooper’s Hawk guarding a recently caught American Robin (which was counted when it was living), and a cooperative Yellow-bellied Sapsucker.

Again, many thanks to these awesome trip leaders. Thanks also to our President, Bob Werrlein, for his introductory remarks and field trip help; Mary Murray, for the binocular boot camp; Mary Trotta, our official photographer; Bob and Susan Hood, for registration and field trip help; Al Conrad, for assisting with binoculars and in the field; and Jane Scocca, who managed the refreshments and once again made cookies that disappeared almost instantly. I would also like to acknowledge the Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation, who let us meet in their excellent facility, and Harford Glen Environmental Education Center for loaning us their binoculars.
Field Trip Reports

Cromwell Valley Country Park
October 11

There were eight participants on this field trip to Cromwell Valley Country Park. The morning started cold and for the first half hour or so birds were very scarce. As the sun rose and it warmed up, the birds became more active and we had quite a successful morning of birding. We found a mixture of lingering summer visitors, fall migrants and winter arrivals; Eastern Kingbird, Chimney Swift, Nashville Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, White-throated Sparrow. Overall 39 species were found.  ~ Dave Larkin and Phil Powers

Conowingo Gull/Eagle Watch
January 16

Eight birders eager to see Conowingo’s gulls, eagles and vultures were happy with the volume but somewhat disappointed with the variety. Twenty-some years ago one would be happy to see a Black Vulture at the dam; nowadays, they are the dominate species at Fisherman’s Park, brazenly walking in the roadway and roosting in trees, atop Port-o-Pots, or on the ground. Bald Eagles of all ages were numerous, as were the paparazzi who take aim at them in hopes of that one award-winning shot. Despite our best efforts to sift through the thousands of gulls for the recently reported Iceland Gull, we could only come up with Ring-bills and a few Herring Gulls. A short walk along the Mason-Dixon Trail below the parking area produced five woodpecker species and nice looks at a pair of Brown creepers. The best sighting of the day was a Peregrine Falcon perched on the dam’s substation. Our species count for the morning was 31.  ~ Dave Webb

May Count 2016

Guess what’s just around the corner?  That’s right … spring, everyone’s most anticipated time of the year. For us birders, well what could be better?  That annual colorful, vocal passage known as the spring migration comes to town, and more birders look at more birds than perhaps any other time of the year.  This May 14, 2016, the Harford Bird Club will be staging its annual county-wide May Count.  For more information, contact the Coordinator, Rick Cheicante at rickcheicante@cs.com

Even with teeny brains, birds have BIG personalities. Some of our coolest wild birds even act like divas. Take the GREAT EGRET for example. I call it THE MODEL. It looks so prissy. It’s tall and statuesque and it stands stick still. In mating season both males and females develop frilly, feathery plumage and colorful turquoise or green on their bills that resembles makeup. This beautiful bird belongs on a fashion runway.

Other birds aren’t quite so haughty. The NORTHERN CARDINAL is like an uber-COURTEOUS PRINCE. Its royal red feathers resemble the velvety coronation robes of legendary kings. They seem like royalty because they act so courtly and so civilized. If one of these black-masked marvels is perched on a bird feeder and a bully bird lands alongside it, the cardinal will demur and fly away. “Can’t we all get along?” this prim and proper diplomat seems to say.

A BLUE JAY may appear to be a bully but it’s more of an AWKWARD, LOUD TEENAGER. They barge in and shriek like gangly teens bursting in on mom’s tea party and knocking over the teapot. They didn’t mean to make a mess.

RED-BELLIED WOODPECKERS command attention like CELEBRITIES. When one alights at a feeder, the other birds seem to disappear, giving this big bird with its long, pointy, black beak plenty of elbow room. The other birds just seem to gawk at this George Clooney of a bird.

The opposite of that red-headed diva is the CUTE AND CURIOUS GIRL-NEXT-DOOR DEMEANOR of a BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE. If it were a little kid, you’d want to pinch its cheeks! It’s pint-sized with an oversized round head and black, doll-like eyes. They sometimes flutter down beside you when you’re hiking in a forest to peep-peep hello and check you out.

The tiniest of American birds is the RUBY-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD. Surely it has a NAPOLEONIC COMPLEX. It will battle birds 10 times its size. And only the bravest or stupidest of other hummers dares to enter its feeding territory. This tough but miniature bird will “yell” at an intruder in its chittering lingo while chasing it away like an Air Force fighter jet. It’s hard to believe that it weighs less a penny.

DAREDEVIL WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCHES seem just as quick as hummers but they only dash fast for short distances and it’s typically when they are darting head-first down tree trunks. Now you see them, now you don’t kind of speed. These feathered creatures careen around like stunt doubles, performing all kinds of strange, seemingly dangerous feats, like hanging upside down to grab a tree’s last ripe berries. A black, white, and gray nuthatch is like the sports car of birds; it’s sleek, fast, and showy.

The SERENE BUT SKULKING SNOWY OWL looks so innocent – at first. This two-foot tall, white owl stands silently, penguin-like on its feathered feet. But when this Arctic owl opens its devilish yellow eyes, it reveals that it’s a hard-core hunter, a predator, an assassin of sorts, not unlike the hungry wolf in Little Red Riding Hood’s cautionary fairy tale. But even then, it’s still so darned cute.
Harford Bird Club Field Trips

Field trip schedule compiled by Tom Gibson

February 21 (Sun.) - Loch Raven – Meet at 7:30 AM at the Park and Ride on Rt.152 just north of Rt.147 near Fallston. Dave Larkin and Phil Powers are co-leaders of this walk through the Loch Raven watershed. Enjoy the rich habitat of Baltimore’s premier watershed for wintering migrant songbirds, waterfowl, and raptors. Contact them at larkin3001@comcast.net or 410-569-8319 / birdsinmd@verizon.net or 410-679-4116 for Phil.

February 27 (Sat.) - Perryville Community Park – Meet at 9:00 AM in the Stumps Point Park parking lot. Colleen Webster and Sue Procell are the leaders for this morning stroll to look for waterfowl. This will be followed by an optional lunch afterwards at the Laurrapin restaurant. Contact Colleen at 410-459-4577 or cwebster@harford.edu (calls and emails welcome, no text messages, please.) or Sue at procellmd@gmail.com or 443-417-4919.

March 5 (Sat.) - Harford Waterfowl Tour – Meet at 6:45 AM at the McDonalds on Rt. 40 in Edgewood. Trip leader, Dave Webb, will guide you to local open water locations that often produce sightings of Surf Scoter, Redhead, Long-tailed Duck and Northern Shoveler. Beginners interested in learning the basics of waterfowl identification and experienced watchers searching for rarities will enjoy this morning trip to the Gunpowder River and to the Havre de Grace waterfront. Scopes are helpful, although not necessary. Dress warmly and bring photo ID for entrance to APG. Contact Dave at porzana@comcast.net or 410-939-3537 for more information.

March 12 (Sat.) – Swan Harbor Farm Park – Meet at 8:00 AM at the parking lot adjacent to the Agricultural Education Center at the end of the driveway. Leaders are Josh Emm and Tom Gibson. Contact them at apistopanchax@gmail.com or 410-937-6790 / gibsonlld@aol.com or 410-734-4135. This Harford County gem with three impoundments, a commanding view of the Bay, wooded trails, and open fields has developed into a fine location for a broad spectrum of bird life including waterfowl, marsh species, raptors, and sparrows.

March 16 (Wed.) - Timberdoodle Search – Meet at 6:45 PM at the Edgewood Home Depot on Rt.40 to try to catch a glimpse of this very elusive bird performing his elaborate twilight mating aerobatics. Phil Powers is the leader. Contact him at birdsinmd@verizon.net or 410-679-4116.

March 19 (Sat.) - Emory Knoll Farm – This trip offers a great chance to find late winter/early spring songbirds including Fox Sparrow, Pine Warbler and American Tree Sparrow. We will walk the gentle trails on this beautiful northern Harford County farm for about one mile at a leisurely pace. Meet at the 165/543 Park and Ride in Pylesville at 8:00 AM. The leader is Dennis Kirkwood. Contact him at newarkfarms@gmail.com or 410-692-5905 for more information.

March 23 (Wed.) – Timberdoodle Search – Meet at the Havre de Grace Park and Ride at Rt.155 and I-95 at 7:00 PM for a second try at catching the American Woodcocks’ evening mating display. Elaine Beery/Jane Scocca are the leaders. Contact them at ehbeery@yahoo.com or 410-272-6037 or jane@scocca.org or 410-272-8870.

April 2 (Sat.) – Gull Migration at Susquehanna State Park – Join Matt Hafner at 7:00 AM at the Lapidum Boat Launch for a morning of river watching. Last year we had 9 Little Gulls and frozen fingers! Hopefully this year will be even better. Contact Matt at hafner.matt@gmail.com or 410-971-3203.

April 9 (Sat.) – Harford Glen – Meet at 8:00 AM at the Glen (west end of Wheel Road). Ruth Bergstrom is the leader. Contact her at ruthb22@yahoo.com or 443-752-1967. We will begin the tour with sightings from the parking lot, then proceed to survey the triple riparian habitats of Atkinson Reservoir, the faster flowing Winter’s Run, and the tributary Plumtree Run. The woodland trails, wetlands and some open meadow offer great opportunities for good spring birding.

April 17 (Sun.) - Cromwell Valley Park – Meet at 7:30 AM at the commuter lot on the west side of Rt.152 (Fallston Rd.) just north of Rt.147 (Harford Rd.) Veterans Phil Powers and Dave Larkin are leading this trip. birdsinmd@verizon.net or 410-679-4116 / larkin3001@comcast.net or 410-569-8319. Take an avian excursion through this Baltimore County preserve which attracts many spring migrants.

April 22 (Fri.) – Jerusalem Mill Park – Meet at 7:30 AM at the mill on Jerusalem Rd, (off Rt.152). Visit this appealing stretch of the Little Gunpowder River marking Harford County’s western border. Contact leader Phil Powers for more information at birdsinmd@verizon.net or 410-679-4116.

April 23 (Sat.) - Warblers and Wildflowers - Enjoy a pleasant stroll among the emerging spring wildflowers of beautiful Susquehanna State Park while also looking for early migrant songbirds and lingering winter visitors. Meet at the parking area at the confluence of Deer Creek and the Susquehanna River just north of Rock Run Mill at 8:30 AM. The leaders are Colleen Webster (410-459-4577 or cwebster@harford.edu (calls and emails welcome, no text messages please.) and Sue Procell 443-417-4919 or procellmd@gmail.com.
52nd Annual Rock Run Christmas Bird Count

On Sunday, December 27, 2015, we were greeted with a ridiculously warm day; 60°F with enough humidity to put up a prolonged fog in the morning. Inland streams, ponds, lakes and impoundments were all open following an unseasonably warm autumn and early winter. A total of 45 counters covered all 15 of our sectors, logging 90.6 miles by foot, 386 miles by car and 17 miles by boat. For their efforts, the Rock Run CBC team tallied 98 species for a total of 56,557 individuals.

This year, we did it again; we found another first-timer … and a slew of rarities! For starters, Dave Ziolkowski and Matt Anthony recorded our first ever Sora in the Swan Creek area. Dave Webb and Jean Wheeler sighted the elusive Long-eared Owl. Gene, Colleen, Josh, Mark and others brought home two Iceland Gulls. Virginia Rail numbers were on the rise. Red-headed Woodpeckers were re-located after a lengthy CBC absence. A Lesser Black-backed Gull was observed standing around. Merlin and Horned Grebe were happily discovered. And this year saw a bounty of Cedar Waxwings, 318, squashing past double-digit numbers. We also had two Count Week birds: Laughing Gull and Long-tailed Duck thanks to Josh Emm.

The total individual number was the highest total in the last five years (corrected for blackbird mega-flock numbers), and a change from a downward trend over the same period. Whereas, waterfowl and winter “irruptives” were mostly missing again this year, it seemed almost every family, genus and most species saw marked increases this year. I’d guess the extended autumn weather helped there. Almost every recorded woodpecker species saw a 100% increase from 2014. Notable misses: American Kestrel, and Chipping and White-crowned Sparrows.

I’d like to thank all of our continually dedicated and faithful sector leads and counters. Without you guys and gals, none of these counts would be possible, or successful. In recognition of a few new folks, a great big thanks goes out to Kevin Smith for coming on-board and bringing Oakwood back on line; Josh Emm and John Gallo for providing some flexibility and heading cross-river bringing Rowlandville back into the fold; and a great big welcome back to Gene Scarpulla, as Mr. MD Gulls paid us a visit, returning to stand vigil at his former watch, the Conowingo Dam.

A special thanks goes out to Dave Webb and others for putting together a Tally Rally and Happy Hour at McGregor’s in Havre de Grace afterwards. Highlights were as follows:

**Oakwood: (38 species)** Kevin Smith. Oakwood was back on the map producing the count’s only Mute Swan. It also gave us one of our two Gray Catbirds, and a second high for Double-crested Cormorants (15) and Cedar Waxwings (30). It was also one of the few sectors with Hooded Mergansers. Kevin, welcome, and thanks for joining us!

**Rowlandville: (56 species)** Josh Emm, John Gallo. Rowlandville too re-joined our count thanks to Josh and John. The guys found our only Gadwalls and Common Goldeneyes. They also found one of two Purple Finches and were one of two sectors finding Bonaparte’s Gull with a high of six. A high of 16 American Black Duck were found here.

**Colora: (34 species)** Tom Congersky, Rupert Rossetti, Cynthia Rossetti. Tom and company maintained their streak of high number for Canada Goose with 4,000. Also on tap in Colora, a battle for supremacy, where Red-winged Blackbirds edged Common Grackles, 2,000 to 1,999. The sector also produced one of our four Canvasbacks.

**Bainbridge: (36 species)** Brian Moyer. Brian maintained home field advantage covering his regular turf of Bainbridge. One of only a few sectors with Snow Goose, and surprisingly, one of only two sectors with Common Merganser.

**Perry Point: (51 species)** Tom Trafton, Debbie Trafton, Greg Huffman, Rusty Geis, John Hughes. This seasoned team found our only Horned Grebe and Merlin. Their efforts also paid off with highs for American Coot (210), American Crow (75), Carolina Chickadees (98), Golden-crowned (45) and Ruby-crowned (21) Kinglets and Eastern Bluebirds (35). Wow, that’s a lot of highs! Nice job.

**Swan Creek: (67 species)** Dave Ziolkowski, Matt Anthony. A big “congrats” to Dave and Matt for pulling a Rock Run CBC first-timer: a Sora! Did they stop there, of course not. In addition to logging canoe time, they produced our second, and consecutive occurrence of Virginia Rail. Then tacked on for good measure, the count’s only Killdeer (26), American Woodcocks (2) and Horned Lark (1). High numbers included Cedar Waxwings (72), and many of our sparrows. Nice day guys!

**Havre de Grace: (66 species)** Dave Larkin, Peter Lev, Jack Fuller, Ryan Dziedzic, Erica Fuller. Dave and crew didn’t miss a beat. They picked up the count’s only Lesser Black-backed Gull, American Pipits (19) and American Tree Sparrows (2). They had a rounded collection of waterfowl as expected, and highs for Herring Gulls (403) and Great Black-backed Gulls (121). One of two Northern Harriers were observed here as well as one of two sectors with Red-breasted Mergansers.

**Aldino: (39 species)** Phil Powers, John Taylor, Al Conrad, Amanda Koss. Heading inland now, Phil and his team produced highs for Mourning Doves (40), Red-bellied Woodpeckers (15) and Blue Jays (114). They were also one of a few sectors recording Brown Thrasher, and did pick up the award for having the high for European Starlings with 1,175.
Susquehanna: (50 species) Mark Johnson, John Paul, Susan Hood, Bob Werlein. The Susquehanna SP folks picked up Red-headed Woodpecker (2), the first since a run of them in the early 2000s; the last noted in 2006. Equally exciting, they also picked up one of our two Iceland Gulls. SSP was also home to a high for Turkey Vultures (54) and had the other Northern Harrier.

Rolling Green: (48 species) Dave Webb, Jean Wheeler, Joe Stevens, Melody Stevens. Dave and crew produced the third Rock Run CBC record for Long-eared Owl; the last record coming in 1996. They also found highs for Red-shouldered and Red-tailed Hawk, with four each, and a high for Eastern Screech-Owl with three.

Palmer SP: (42 species) Ruth Bergstrom, Mary Murray, Dawn Sexton, Olivia Blondheim. Ruth, Mary and friends have made Palmer SP their home turf, and tallied the only Eastern Phoebes (2) for the count. A winter bonus bird in my opinion! Nice get. They added a plethora of forest and edge birds, to include numerous Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, but those darn Chipping Sparrows eluded them this year. We’ll get’em again. Thanks Ruth and team!

Darlington: (19 species) Colleen Webster, Tom Leckey. Colleen and Tom pulled double duty, checking Conowingo’s neighboring sector. Here they found a continuation of their Conowingo success, while adding numerous more vultures and a few more Red-shouldered Hawks.

Dublin: (61 species) Alicia Farrell, Matt Hafner. Alicia continued making Dublin her CBC home, while joined by Matt this year. This dynamic duo collected the most individuals with 8,962 individuals. Included was the count’s only Ring-necked Ducks, and highs for Cackling Goose (5), Ring-billed Gulls (3,331), Tufted Titmouse (54), White-breasted Nuthatch (15), Yellow-rumped Warbler (12), Eastern Towhee (11) and Dark-eyed Junco (269). They also found the other Purple Finch. Well done!

Conowingo Dam: (29 species) Colleen Webster, Tom Lecky, Gene Scarpulla. Colleen, Tom and Gene got the much hoped for continuing Iceland Gull at Conowingo, the tenth Rock Run CBC record. In addition, they logged highs for Great Blue Heron (52), Black Vulture (393) and Rock Pigeon (220). No Conowingo count is complete without a spectacle of Bald Eagles (63).

Susquehanna River/Plats: (43 species) Dennis Kirkwood, Peter Jay, Rachael Hebert, Diane Jones, Kristen Kirkwood. Dennis and mates again sailed the Susquehanna River and adjacent flats, and not surprisingly, they found the abundance of our waterfowl. These included the count’s only Ruddy Ducks (300), with highs for Snow Goose (20), Mallard (250), Bufflehead (21) and Double-crested Cormorant (17). Here too was the count’s only Black-crowned Night-Herons (2).

To all, thank you, a spectacular effort all around!

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