

MARYLAND FALL COUNT 2007

The annual Fall Seasonal Count sponsored by MOS will be held Saturday, September 15, 2007 and/or Sunday, September 16, 2007 in the Maryland-DC area. The MOS Board has left the choice of whether the count will be on Saturday or Sunday to local chapters and coordinators. Several counties have held organized counts for several years on the third weekend of September. In areas without an identified coordinator, individual parties submit their results directly to the statewide coordinator for inclusion. Chapters that have not included a formal count in their programs this year are urged to plan to do so in future years.

Everyone is urged to participate; no matter your skill level. Identification is only part of being successful; you have to spot the bird first, so every pair of eyes helps.

The guidelines for this count are the same as those used for all seasonal counts. Local coordinators will assign volunteers to areas, honoring requests whenever possible. Party leaders are responsible for tracking party miles and times, names of participants, and documentation for unusual sightings. A checklist compilation form is available on this website, in the "Annual Counts" section:

<http://www.mdbirds.org/counts/fall/fallcounts.html>.

The list includes the species one would expect to find in Maryland during this season. Those species on the list requiring further written documentation are noted with asterisks, and all write-ins require full details.

The local coordinators who have volunteered so far are listed below along with which day that locality will conduct the count. Anyone else organizing a count or interested in volunteering as a coordinator for another locality are encouraged to contact the state Coordinator so that this list can be updated.

If you are interested in counting in a county without a coordinator, you can contact the state Fall Count Coordinator directly. Individual parties or other groups (e.g. Hawk Watch sites, field trips) who count in areas without a coordinator are asked to submit their data along with details on what area was covered directly to the state Fall Count Coordinator by October 14. A simple spreadsheet to provide electronic reports is available from the state coordinator upon request.

Deadline for submitting completed reports to your county coordinator is no later than October 7, 2007. County compilers are asked to submit compilations by November 1.

Plan to join the fun and have a great day birding!

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County Coordinators

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County Compilers only: Send your compilations by November 1, 2007 to the Fall Count Coordinator at the address above or by e-mail (preferred method).