

MARYLAND FALL COUNT 2009

The annual Fall Seasonal Count sponsored by MOS will be held Saturday, September 19, 2009 and/or Sunday, September 20, 2009 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.

Anyone can participate, no matter your skill level. Every pair of eyes helps, and it is great fun.

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 the MOS 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 county coordinators who have volunteered so far are listed below. Anyone already organizing a count or interested in volunteering as a coordinator for another county without a coordinator are encouraged to contact the state Coordinator.

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, but have data for the count period, are asked to submit their data along with details on what area was covered, participants, and coverage statistics directly to the state Fall Count Coordinator by October 17.

Deadline for submitting completed reports to your county coordinator is no later than October 10, 2009. County compilers are asked to submit compilations to the state coordinator by November 1.

Please plan to join the fun and have a great day birding!

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