

YMOS



World Series of Birding 2017

Winning Team YMOS Marsh Gigglers

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2017 Results Summary

YMOS left its mark in New Jersey this past Saturday at the World Series of Birding. 6 Maryland teams, comprised of 24 students from Garrett County to the Eastern Shore, scouted New Jersey last week and competed in the 24-hour event on May 6. Several of the teams started their scouting on Sunday, April 30, and by last Friday there was an army of team members and support parents ready to compete. At the stroke of midnight, teams were in place in staked out nighttime locations, and 24 hours later all had checked in at the finish line. None of the 6 teams came in lower than 3rd place, and all ran up great species totals for their respective categories.

The YMOS Marsh Gigglers topped all youth teams in the competition with a whopping total of 201 species and were beaten by only 1 adult team, the Cornell Redhead team, ably headed up by our own Alex Wiebe. Our Carbon Free Youth Team also won their category with a total of 127 species found using only bicycle and foot power, beating last year's winning team by 23 species. Our high school teams placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in their division and the middle school teams, with mostly beginners, placed 2nd and 3rd. Even more impressive than the scores was the exemplary behavior exhibited by all as teams worked beautifully together and shared scouting information with all. The complete results are:

High School Division

1st Place – YMOS Marsh Gigglers – 201 Species

Captain – Daniel Irons

Team Members – Patrick Newcombe, Joshua Heiser, Jonathan Irons

Coach/Drivers – Mike Irons, Bryan Newcombe

2nd Place – YMOS Mighty Merlins – 187 Species

Captain – Sam Miller

Team Members – Kevin Ebert, Claire Wayner, Jerald Reb

Coach – Jim Brighton

Drivers – Jackie Ebert, Rob Miller

3rd Place – YMOS Zebra Creepers – 162 Species (first time all-state team)

Captain – Jasper Merry

Team Members – Aaron Graham, Tabitha Olson, Oliver Patrick
Coach/Drivers – Cliff Graham, Jim Merry

Middle School

2nd Place – YMOS Veery Serious Birders – 156 Species

Captain – Josie Kalbfleisch

Team Members – Keely Ferrando, Aaron Reb, Tully Hochhausler

Coaches – George Radcliffe and Harvey

Driver – Kevin Reb

3rd Place – YMOS Red-headed Woodpeckers – 145 Species (1st time competing)

Captain – Max Ramey

Team Members – Nathan Tea, Hannes Leonard, Gabe Evans

Coach – Stella Tea

Driver – Cary Evans

Carbon Free Youth Team (5 AM - 8 PM, no car)

1st Place – YMOS Cycling Swifts – 128 Species

Captain – Eli Anders

Team Members – Chris Barry, Jack Pearse, Cameron Darnell

Coach – Stacy Epperson

Support – Bill Pearse