

MAY COUNT 2018
Saturday, May 12th

The May Count this year will be officially held on Saturday, May 12, with several additional counts on May 5, 6 and 13. This will mark the 56th consecutive year that Maryland birders have conducted this survey of the bird populations in the state in the first half of May. By the second week in May, many of the species that nest in Maryland have returned to their breeding grounds and they are temporarily joined by an array of Warblers, Vireos, and other migrating species whose numbers peak in the state around this time.

Because species diversity is at its highest point, plumages are the brightest, and bird songs fill the air, there is no better time in Maryland to bird than the first half of May. If you are willing to slap on some sun screen and insect repellent, you will be rewarded with a great day of birding. More volunteers mean better coverage is achieved. For those who are interested in participating for the first time, each County has an assigned compiler, who can provide you with maps of territories that need coverage and pair you up with experienced birders who will show you the ropes. You will learn new spots to bird that you didn't know existed. A list of County Compilers is available below.

Please join us in the field during May for great birding!

2018 May Bird Counts in Maryland

Statewide Coordinator. Marilyn Veek, mveekmos@yahoo.com.

May 5

MAY COUNT. **Dorchester**. Contact Harry Armistead, harryarmistead@hotmail.com, if you can contribute to the 101st annual count of all birds seen in Maryland's largest county. Any small area coverage would be helpful.

May 6

FRED ARCHIBALD MAY COUNT. **Frederick**. 6 AM. Meet at the Sanctuary, 6011 Boyers Mill Rd, New Market. Coordinator David Smith, 410-549-7082.

May 12

MAY COUNT. **Allegany**. Compiler J. B. Churchill, jchurchi@gmail.com.

MAY COUNT. **Anne Arundel**. This is an activity you can do on your own or with a group of like-minded birders. You can select an area and spend part of the day or all day noting

the birds you see and also the numbers of birds you are observing. Please let Dotty know where you'll be counting so she can make sure two groups are not counting in the same area. Coordinator Dotty Mumford, 443-214-5154 or dottymum@comcast.net.

MAY COUNT. **Baltimore.** Coordinators Peter Lev, plev@comcast.net or 410-823-2962, and Debbie Terry, dterry12@verizon.net or 443-286-0922.

MAY COUNT. **Calvert.** Compiler Sherman Suter, shermansuter@gmail.com, 410-586-1073 or 703-768-5922.

MAY COUNT. **Caroline.** Contact Debby Bennett at 410-829-4952 or dabennett1996@gmail.com for more information.

MAY COUNT. **Carroll.** Parties of counters will set their own schedules in their pre-arranged areas to count resident and migrant bird species throughout the County. Contact Don Jewell to verify your bird counting area, jewelldg@gmail.com or 410-259-4716. The Tally Rally will be hosted by Susan Bollinger and Barbara Olsh at their home. RSVP to Susan (410-848-2050) no later than Wednesday, May 9. Plan on bringing a food item or a cash donation (\$5).

MAY COUNT. **Cecil.** The May Count is held on the 2nd Saturday of this month each year and is an attempt to get a "snapshot" of bird populations much in the same way that the Christmas Count does. The Cecil Bird Club will cover Fair Hill NRMA, Elk Neck State Forest and Perryville Town Park. In addition, if you wish to count another area, or count yard birds and feeders, that's fine. Trip leaders are needed for all locations. (If you are counting feeder birds, the leader for your yard is YOU!). This is the most fun you can have on a census! Please contact the Cecil County Compiler, Richard Donham (rdonham8@gmail.com or 610-932-0634) with your preference for the area where you wish to participate and for the fairly simple observation records that are needed.

MAY COUNT. **Charles.** Compiler is Lynne Wheeler, somdaudubon@yahoo.com.

MAY COUNT. **Dorchester.** Contact Harry Armistead, harryarmistead@hotmail.com, if you can contribute to the 102nd annual count of all birds seen in Maryland's largest county. Any small area coverage would be helpful.

MAY COUNT. **Frederick.** It's peak migration, so this is the most fun you can have working on a census. Lots of eyes and ears are needed! Compiler David Smith, 410-549-7082.

MAY COUNT. **Garrett.** Compiler Nadine Jakubowski, nmjak0527@gmail.com or 443-608-9248.

MAY COUNT. **Harford.** Help Harford County contribute to this important data collection day and monitor migration throughout our locale. Contact the coordinator (this position is currently vacant). Contact details will be published prior to the event by email, social media and on the club's website, harfordbirdclub.org.

MAY COUNT. **Howard.** Compiler Kevin Heffernan, kjheff122@gmail.com or 443-668-7618.

MAY COUNT. **Kent.** An all-day effort to census as much of Kent County as possible. Join a field party or count in your neighborhood. Contact compiler Walter Ellison for details or area assignment, 410-778-9568.

MAY COUNT. **Montgomery.** Compiler Diane Ford, dmford455@yahoo.com.

MAY COUNT. **Patuxent/PGAS.** Annual county-wide census of resident and migrating birds. Pick your own start and stop times. Contact compiler Fred Fallon at fwfallon@ymail.com to receive an assigned area and for more information.

MAY COUNT. **Somerset.** Compiler Paul Bystrak, shrike@comcast.net or 443-783-1268.

MAY COUNT. **St. Mary's.** Compiler J. Tyler Bell, jtylerbell@yahoo.com .

MAY COUNT. **Washington.** Contact coordinator Mark Abdy at 301-432-7696 or mjabdy@yahoo.com to participate in this annual bird census.

MAY COUNT. **Wicomico.** Compiler Ellen Lawler, 410-546-9056 or emlawler534@comcast.net.

MAY COUNT. **Worcester.** Compiler Marcia Balestri, mebalestri@gmail.com.

May 13

AUDREY CARROLL MAY COUNT. **Frederick.** Meet at the Sanctuary at 6 AM. Coordinator David Smith, 410-549-7082.

MAY COUNT. **Talbot.** Join the TBC in surveying all of Talbot County in collaboration with MOS Spring Count. Areas to be assigned to assure thorough coverage of the county. If interested, contact Dave Palmer, dpalmermd59@gmail.com or 410-829-3376, for assignment of birding areas.