

MARYLAND FALL COUNT 2018

The annual Fall Seasonal Bird Count sponsored by MOS will be held on the weekend of September 15th and 16th in the Maryland-DC area. The MOS Board has left the choice of day to local chapters and coordinators. In areas without an identified coordinator, individual parties submit their results directly to Chuck Stirrat, the Statewide Coordinator.

Anyone can participate, no matter your skill level. Each pair of eyes helps, plus it can be a great learning experience and a lot of fun. The results of the count will appear in an article in the Spring 2019 issue of *Maryland Birdlife*.

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 of unusual sightings. A new checklist compilation form is available on this MOS website, it includes common species found in Maryland during the fall. Those species on the list requiring further written documentation are noted with asterisks *. (Note: all write-ins require full details.) The website also contains spreadsheets in AOU and eBird sequence for compilers to submit their results electronically.

The fall counts, dates, and compilers (that have been confirmed) are listed below. Anyone already organizing a count who is not included, or who is interested in volunteering as a coordinator for a county currently without a coordinator, is encouraged to contact the Statewide Coordinator.

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Howard: Mike McClure/Chuck Stirrat, 12237 Mt. Albert Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21042, 410-531-2780, Michael.McClure@jhuapl.edu (Saturday)
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Somerset: Paul Bystrak, 5968 Rockawalkin Rd., Salisbury, MD 21801, 410-572-9950, shrike@comcast.net (Sunday)
Talbot: Dave Palmer, 24 Londonderry Dr, Easton, MD 21601, 410-829-2636, dpalmermd59@gmail.com (Sunday)
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Deadline for submitting completed reports to your county/chapter coordinator is October 1, 2018. County compilers are asked to submit compilations to the state coordinator by October 15.

If you are interested in counting in a county without a coordinator, contact the Statewide Coordinator to volunteer. 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 dates, are asked to submit their data along with details on what area was covered, participants, and coverage statistics to the Statewide Coordinator by October 15.

Join the fun and have a great day birding!

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