

**Maryland Christmas Bird Counts (118th CBC)
December 2017 through January 2018**

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Weather was cooperative for most Maryland counts this season. Temperatures ranged from a low of -17.8 °C (0 °F) (Point Lookout) to a high of 12.2 °C (54 °F) (Southern Dorchester County). Low Temperatures averaged -6.4 °C (20.5 °F) and highs averaged 3.7 °C (38.7 °F). Six counts reported some snow on the ground with 15.2 cm (6 in) on the Patuxent River count being the deepest maximum depth. Chesterville, Rock Run, and Sugarloaf Mountain reported some light snow in at least some count sectors. Only Elkton reported light rain in the afternoon.

As pointed out in the corrigendum in the spring 2018 issue of *Maryland Birdlife* 67(1):51–52, we somehow missed or accidentally deleted in last year's report (117th count year) the Barrow's Goldeneye that has been found on the Point Lookout Christmas Bird Count for 7 years in a row (including this year).

Other waterfowl highlights included Greater White-fronted Geese in big numbers (Oakland [18], Rock Run [14], Lower Kent County [2], Ocean City [4]), single Ross's Geese observations at three inland counts (Allegheny County, Washington County, Elkton), and two King Eiders (Triadelphia Reservoir). This year, 13 out of the 24 counts (not including two count week observations) reported Cackling Geese. There were two White-eyed Vireos (Middle River, Ocean City) and singles of Rufous Hummingbird (Patuxent River), Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (Elkton), LeConte's Sparrow (Seneca in Virginia), Yellow-headed Blackbird (Chesterville), Ovenbird (Lower Kent County), Painted Bunting (Ocean City), and Dickcissel (Port Tobacco [plus one Bowie count week observation]).

Count names, abbreviated codes, survey dates, and primary compilers are presented in Table 1. Additional effort data (number of participants, total party hours, and number of species) are also tabulated (Table 2). Seneca had the most field counters (124) and party hours (246.3). Allegheny had the fewest (6) counters but Point Lookout had the fewest party hours (24.5).

Table 1. 2017–2018 Maryland Christmas Bird Counts: abbreviations, survey dates, and compilers.

Christmas Bird Count	Abbreviation	Survey Date	Compiler
Allegheny County	MDAC	16 Dec 2017	J.B. Churchill
Annapolis-Gibson Island	MDAG	31 Dec 2017	Hal Wierenga Lynn Davidson Sue Ricciardi
Bowie	MDBO	1 Jan 2018	David Mozurkewich
Catoctin Mountain	MDCM	16 Dec 2017	Kathy Brown
Chesterville	MDCV	31 Dec 2017	Maren Gimpel
Crisfield	MDCR	27 Dec 2017	Paul Bystrak
Denton	MDDE	16 Dec 2017	Steve Westre
Elkton	MDEL	17 Dec 2017	Russell Kovach
Jug Bay	MDJB	17 Dec 2017	Marcia Watson
Lower Kent County	MDLK	17 Dec 2017	Nancy Martin Walter Ellison
Middle River	MDMR	17 Dec 2017	Pete Webb
Oakland	MDOA	16 Dec 2017	Connie Skipper
Ocean City	MDOC	28 Dec 2017	Mark Hoffman
Patuxent River	MDPR	31 Dec 2017	Andrew Brown
Point Lookout	MDPL	17 Dec 2017	Bob Boxwell
Port Tobacco	MDPT	17 Dec 2017	Mike Callahan
Rock Run	MDRR	30 Dec 2017	Mark Johnson
St. Michaels	MDST	17 Dec 2017	Wayne Bell
Salisbury	MDSA	17 Dec 2017	Mike Walsh
Seneca	MDSE	17 Dec 2017	Jim Nelson
Southern Dorchester County	MDSB	18 Dec 2017	Bruce Peterjohn
Sugarloaf Mountain	MDSM	31 Dec 2017	Janet Millenson
Triadelphia Reservoir	MDTR	16 Dec 2017	David Holmes
Washington County	MDWC	16 Dec 2017	Mark Abdy

Table 2. 2017–2018 Maryland Christmas Bird Counts: summary. (The Port Tobacco results are not official National Audubon Society data.)

Christmas Bird Count	Survey Date	Participants	Total	
			Party Hours	Species
Allegany County	16 Dec 2017	6	31	65
Annapolis-Gibson Island	31 Dec 2017	60	212	101
Bowie	1 Jan 2018	75	236.8	90
Catoctin Mountain	16 Dec 2017	19	57	61
Chesterville	31 Dec 2017	96	89.55	20
Crisfield	27 Dec 2017	23	99.8	116
Denton	16 Dec 2017	16	52.5	92
Elkton	17 Dec 2017	85	32.5	12
Jug Bay	17 Dec 2017	53	157.9	107
Lower Kent County	17 Dec 2017	20	115.75	128
Middle River	17 Dec 2017	24	45.5	92
Oakland	16 Dec 2017	18	59	73
Ocean City	28 Dec 2017	67	207.2	143
Patuxent River	31 Dec 2017	28	56.75	90
Point Lookout	17 Dec 2017	15	24.5	102
Port Tobacco	17 Dec 2017	14	N/A	86
Rock Run	30 Dec 2017	35	93.1	98
St. Michaels	17 Dec 2017	45	97.9	104
Salisbury	17 Dec 2017	20	86.5	105
Seneca	17 Dec 2017	124	246.3	98
Southern Dorchester County	18 Dec 2017	14	60.25	118
Sugarloaf Mountain	31 Dec 2017	57	164.5	89
Triadelphia Reservoir	16 Dec 2017	65	158.62	89
Washington County	16 Dec 2017	24	83.75	70

The inland counts are summarized in Table 3; the tidewater counts, in Tables 4 and 5.

Table 3. 2017–2018 Maryland Christmas Bird Counts: inland counts.

(bolded species name = unusual for the Maryland counts; hc = high count record; lc = low count record; us = unusual for the specific count; cw = observed during count week)

Species	Oakland	Allegany County	Washington County	Catoctin Mountain	Sugarloaf Mountain	Seneca	Triadelphia Reservoir	Rock Run	Bowie	Elkton	Chesterville
Snow Goose	cw					cw	11	2	1		35,079
Ross's Goose		1	1							1 (us)	7
Greater White-fronted Goose	18							14			
Brant											
Cackling Goose	6	1			1	cw	2	5	3		22
Canada Goose	2094	969	804	252	3383	6183	13,099	10,723	11,389	6222	30,112
Snow x Canada Goose (hybrid)											
Mute Swan								8		4	1
Trumpeter Swan											
Tundra Swan	30		1		13	55		256		856	38
Wood Duck			1			4			4		3
Blue-winged Teal											
Northern Shoveler	1					15			1		1
Gadwall	13	3			24	18	6	14	4	52	64
Eurasian Wigeon						1					
American Wigeon	3				2	43					
Mallard	1445	65	332	18	92	761	266	592	409	761	529
American Black Duck	23	3	7		32	47	23	35	45	43	90
Mallard x Am. Black Duck (hybrid)				11							1
Northern Pintail	5	1			32	cw	10	1	cw		11
Green-winged Teal					4	8	3				4
Canvasback	6				2	2		200		345	
Redhead	38		1		6	1			6	6	
Ring-necked Duck	23	2			32	317	17	283	47	526	1
Greater Scaup								12		1	
Lesser Scaup	22					cw		466	20 (hc)	11	30
scaup sp.								200			
<i>Aythya</i> sp.											
King Eider							2 (us)				
Common Eider											

Species	Oakland	Allegany County	Washington County	Catoctin Mountain	Sugarloaf Mountain	Seneca	Triadelphia Reservoir	Rock Run	Bowie	Elkton	Chesterville
Harlequin Duck											
Surf Scoter	2 (hc)										
White-winged Scoter											
Black Scoter											
scoter sp.											
Long-tailed Duck						cw		cw			
Bufflehead	120	4	4		42	224	1	119	7	44	
Common Goldeneye	5					1	1	78	1	6	
Barrow's Goldeneye											
Hooded Merganser	195	62	10		66	128	120	190	28	30	51
Common Merganser	13	8	78		143	26	1464	610	25 (hc)	42	301
Red-breasted Merganser	6					cw	3	5		8	2
merganser sp.											
Ruddy Duck	198				5	cw		42	13	383	1
duck sp.						51		300			
Northern Bobwhite											47
Ring-necked Pheasant						1				2	
Ruffed Grouse	3										
Wild Turkey	60		10			11	36 (hc)		16		6
Pied-billed Grebe	15	1	1	1	4	22		18		3	
Horned Grebe	34				1	cw		3			
Red-necked Grebe						cw					
Rock Pigeon	106	220	535	246	191	249	184	269	294	3	99
Mourning Dove	53	14	250	208	286	455	732	128	777	57	288
Rufous Hummingbird											
Clapper Rail											
King Rail											
Virginia Rail											
Sora											
Common Gallinule											
American Coot	20				13	cw		93	1	33	2
Sandhill Crane						2					
American Oystercatcher											
Black-bellied Plover											
Semipalmated Plover											
Killdeer		4	1			10	10	3	7	4	
Ruddy Turnstone											
Red Knot											

Species	Oakland	Allegany County	Washington County	Catoctin Mountain	Sugarloaf Mountain	Seneca	Triadelphia Reservoir	Rock Run	Bowie	Elkton	Chesterville
Sanderling											
Dunlin											
Purple Sandpiper											
Least Sandpiper											
Western Sandpiper											
Long-billed Dowitcher											
dowitcher sp.											
American Woodcock						1			2		
Wilson's Snipe					4		1	cw			
Lesser Yellowlegs											
Greater Yellowlegs											
yellowlegs sp.											
Bonaparte's Gull	1										
Laughing Gull											
Ring-billed Gull	3		1		3	720	82	7814	344	1274	121
Herring Gull						8		97	47	162	4
Iceland Gull											
Lesser Black-backed Gull											1
Great Black-backed Gull								239		72	
gull sp.	cw				3	174	1	85	35		
Forster's Tern											
Red-throated Loon											
Common Loon	3	1				1					1
Northern Gannet											
Double-crested Cormorant	cw					10	9 (hc)	76		26	13
Great Cormorant											
American White Pelican											
Brown Pelican											
American Bittern											
Great Blue Heron (blue form)	1	1	13	3	13	65	10	151	23	27	32
Great Egret											
Black-crowned Night-Heron								3			
Black Vulture		7	41	82	119	223	258	238	198	4	69
Turkey Vulture	4	2	71	151	210	169	230	157	118	57	254
Golden Eagle											
Northern Harrier		4			2	3	12 (hc)	4	2	3	7
Sharp-shinned Hawk	cw	1	3		3	7	4	2	8	1	12
Cooper's Hawk	4	4	5	4	9	12	7	2	8	4	13

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<i>Accipiter</i> sp.					2	4					1
Bald Eagle	3	4	5	4	14	15	59	151	37	30	123
Red-shouldered Hawk	6	2	12	19	53	88	45	17	51	10	13
Red-tailed Hawk	19	5	27	38	52	29	46	22	41	7	118
Rough-legged Hawk						1					
<i>Buteo</i> sp.											
Barn Owl											
Eastern Screech-Owl			2			1		7	3		15
Great Horned Owl	1				1	2	4	2	9	2	13
Snowy Owl								1			
Barred Owl	2			2	2	17	2	5 18 (hc)		2	6
Short-eared Owl					2		3				
Belted Kingfisher	2	3	8	10	11	25	19	13	12	3	8
Red-headed Woodpecker	1		1	4		36		1			1
Red-bellied Woodpecker	20	31	54	95	292	487	200	94	318	39	148
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	9	13	24 (hc)	114	138	33	36	71	18	39
Downy Woodpecker	30	25	50	43	204	367	138	70	205	27	80
Hairy Woodpecker	15	4	5	8	39	79	23	19	40	10	23
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)	16	21		27	155	287	112	43	234	22	123
Pileated Woodpecker	7	8	19	11	66	178	44	16		11	12
American Kestrel	3	2	8	28	15	4	3	4	2	2	4
Merlin			1		1	4	1	1		2	1
Peregrine Falcon		1	1		1		2	2			
falcon sp.											
Eastern Phoebe		1	2	1	2	8	1	1	6		2
White-eyed Vireo											
Blue-headed Vireo											
Blue Jay	68	43	74	161	321	599	353	161	476	106	199
American Crow	1846	252	358	104	926	2294	1675	305	2850	430	131
Fish Crow					20	1220	144	2	712	87	6
crow sp.					1184	2832	447	83	1050		3
Common Raven	11	18	2	22	11	7	8	2	4		
Horned Lark	46		126	126	333	62	3	52	13		492
Tree Swallow											
Carolina Chickadee			139	72	433	662	272	118	375	95	190
Black-capped Chickadee	196	32	2	73							
chickadee sp.											
Tufted Titmouse	107	51	95	73	262	478	259	113	356	54	94

Species	Oakland	Allegany County	Washington County	Catoctin Mountain	Sugarloaf Mountain	Seneca	Triadelphia Reservoir	Rock Run	Bowie	Elkton	Chesterville
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5										
White-breasted Nuthatch	47	31	70	52	188	350	159	52	167	29	36
Brown-headed Nuthatch											
Brown Creeper	10	2	4	1	17	36	2	11	10	6	16
House Wren							1	1			
Winter Wren		10	6	3	35	70	34	18	49	7	16
Sedge Wren											
Marsh Wren											
Carolina Wren	7	74	151	101	234	552	259	115	394	93	148
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher										1 (us)	
Golden-crowned Kinglet	23	11	38	11	75	201	21	62	96	15	71
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1	1	16	119	8	24	16	11	22
kinglet sp.						1					
Eastern Bluebird	3	38	96	135	462	468	371	128	315	103	162
Hermit Thrush		1	2	5	21	27	16	31	168	9	47
American Robin		43	732	1399 (he)	259	1383	152	183	1817	122	478
Gray Catbird					2	4	1	3		2	6
Brown Thrasher					3	1	2	6	14		10
Northern Mockingbird		24	52	62	112	131	94	43	182	49	99
European Starling	390	200	1898	3570	2729	2677	1894	1900	4678	613	5757
Cedar Waxwing		130	68	154	547	817	111	110	129	11	48
House Sparrow	53	25	204	205	159	149	143	176	490	168	105
American Pipit					15		1	46	16		153
House Finch	41	14	183	115	212	198	117	87	276	40	49
Purple Finch			2			10					
Pine Siskin	6	2				1			2		
American Goldfinch	17	59	140	96	308	331	246	36	311	27	54
Snow Bunting											
Eastern Towhee			1	8	42	45	30	29	111	16	44
American Tree Sparrow	24	8			24	3		2	9	4	4
Chipping Sparrow				3	54	27	9	2	57	5	123
Field Sparrow		11	2	2	53	77	46	33	185	13	184
Savannah Sparrow				2	2	29	26	42	110	4	158
Savannah Sparrow (Ipswich)											
LeConte's Sparrow						1					
Seaside Sparrow											
Nelson's Sparrow											
Nelson's/Saltmarsh Sparrow											

Species	Oakland	Allegany County	Washington County	Catoctin Mountain	Sugarloaf Mountain	Seneca	Triadelphia Reservoir	Rock Run	Bowie	Elkton	Chesterville
Fox Sparrow	1				5	24	10	6	24		15
Song Sparrow	20	73	45	61	383	653	626	308	850	106	935
Lincoln's Sparrow							1		1		
Swamp Sparrow	cw	3		2	38	59	23	27	127	27	43
White-throated Sparrow	1	86	240	278	1727	1894	1623	1113	3503	473	2664
White-crowned Sparrow				27	122	31	47	10	27		74
sparrow sp.				28	3						
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	246	171	343	491	1924	904	783	730	2211	430	1848
Yellow-headed Blackbird											1
Eastern Meadowlark	1			8		4					24
Baltimore Oriole							1				
Red-winged Blackbird	3	30		337	193	627	150297	329	4630	631	44917
Brown-headed Cowbird	2		1	81	40	97	652	84	7	24	94
Rusty Blackbird				13	1	9	5		41	2	2
Common Grackle			35		15	114	2609	10365	126	55	26578
Boat-tailed Grackle											
blackbird sp.					110	950		16	5002		
Ovenbird											
Orange-crowned Warbler											
Common Yellowthroat									1		
Palm Warbler			2						1		1
Palm Warbler (Western)											
Palm Warbler (Yellow)											2
Pine Warbler			1		1			cw			
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)		11	8	10	112	266	15	28	26	72	191
Northern Cardinal	53	96	114	126	618	723	440	289	914	89	515
Indigo Bunting											
Painted Bunting											
Dickcissel									cw		

Table 4. 2017–2018 Maryland Christmas Bird Counts: tidewater counts (Western Shore). (bolded species name = unusual for the Maryland counts; hc = high count record; lc = low count record; us = unusual for the specific count; cw = observed during count week) (The Port Tobacco results are not official National Audubon Society data.)

Species	Annapolis-Gibson Island	Middle River	Patuxent River	Jug Bay	Port Tobacco	Point Lookout
Snow Goose	11				8	1
Ross's Goose			1			
Greater White-fronted Goose						
Brant						
Cackling Goose	6				cw	1
Canada Goose	8133	1680	2981	17,090	2511	3966
Snow x Canada Goose (hybrid)						
Mute Swan		cw	1		1	
Trumpeter Swan	1					
Tundra Swan	773	10	47	117	10	45
Wood Duck	2		21		3	6
Blue-winged Teal					1	
Northern Shoveler		10			7	
Gadwall	17	144	21		112	1
Eurasian Wigeon						
American Wigeon	17	108 (hc)			4	23
Mallard	1017	668	141		1511	37
				(+ 2 domestic)	634	45
American Black Duck	54	15	7		634	45
Mallard x Am. Black Duck (hybrid)						10
Northern Pintail	6				64	3
Green-winged Teal					95	
Canvasback	4687	51 (hc)				3
Redhead	10	cw				1
Ring-necked Duck	10	3			70	
Greater Scaup	10457	38 (hc)			213	154
Lesser Scaup	1637	638				19
scaup sp.	2873					
<i>Aythya</i> sp.					1	
King Eider						

Species	Annapolis-Gibson Island	Middle River	Patuxent River	Jug Bay	Port Tobacco	Point Lookout
Common Eider						
Harlequin Duck						
Surf Scoter	211			72		364
White-winged Scoter		1				3
Black Scoter			30			2541
scoter sp.						
Long-tailed Duck	76		40	47	12	388
Bufflehead	2501	215	511	966	290	1576
Common Goldeneye	51	2	31	8		409
Barrow's Goldeneye						1
Hooded Merganser	289	251	53	62	15	20
Common Merganser	10	27		206	5	
Red-breasted Merganser	94	4	28	2		79
merganser sp.	40					
Ruddy Duck	14050	5390 (hc)	1172	127	2110	7615
duck sp.				4200		3000
Northern Bobwhite						
Ring-necked Pheasant						
Ruffed Grouse						
Wild Turkey	12			5	11	11
Pied-billed Grebe	22	19	1	4		1
Horned Grebe	21	2	54	11		58
Red-necked Grebe						
Rock Pigeon	53	119	40	87	1	1
Mourning Dove	401	456 (hc)	86	317	118	24
Rufous Hummingbird			1 (us)			
Clapper Rail						
King Rail						
Virginia Rail		2		4		
Sora						
Common Gallinule						
American Coot	3	21	15	1		2
Sandhill Crane		10 (hc; us)				
American Oystercatcher						
Black-bellied Plover						
Semipalmated Plover				cw		
Killdeer	2	28	2	131	10	5

Species	Annapolis-Gibson Island	Middle River	Patuxent River	Jug Bay	Port Tobacco	Point Lookout
Ruddy Turnstone						
Red Knot						
Sanderling						
Dunlin						
Purple Sandpiper					8	
Least Sandpiper					4	
Western Sandpiper						
Long-billed Dowitcher dowitcher sp.						
American Woodcock	1				4	1
Wilson's Snipe				16		
Lesser Yellowlegs						
Greater Yellowlegs yellowlegs sp.					8	
Bonaparte's Gull	2	64	9	cw		110
Laughing Gull						
Ring-billed Gull	2079	3826	596	2241	190	880
Herring Gull	1081	228	104	947	269	229
Iceland Gull	1	cw				
Lesser Black-backed Gull	1					
Great Black-backed Gull gull sp.	57 258	47 51	40	112 102	2 48	88 2
Forster's Tern						
Red-throated Loon	1					
Common Loon	5	10	29	6		22
Northern Gannet			4			38
Double-crested Cormorant	6052	184	85	339	389	166
Great Cormorant		1				3
American White Pelican						
Brown Pelican			70			
American Bittern						
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	66	56	8	61	35	35
Great Egret				3		
Black-crowned Night-Heron						
Black Vulture	101	22	143	547	62	10
Turkey Vulture	99	31	129	157	41	86
Golden Eagle						

Species	Annapolis-Gibson Island	Middle River	Patuxent River	Jug Bay	Port Tobacco	Point Lookout
Northern Harrier	1		2		15	5
Sharp-shinned Hawk	9	1	1		10	2
Cooper's Hawk	11	6	2		12	1
<i>Accipiter</i> sp.	1	1				1
Bald Eagle	71	20	26		129	54
Red-shouldered Hawk	19	16	11		38	14
Red-tailed Hawk	22	14	7		24	9
Rough-legged Hawk						
<i>Buteo</i> sp.	1	1				
Barn Owl					6	
Eastern Screech-Owl	9		2		8	10
Great Horned Owl	cw	1	3		12	6
Snowy Owl						
Barred Owl	2	3			9	
Short-eared Owl			1			2
Belted Kingfisher	25	12	2 (lc)		43	19
Red-headed Woodpecker					15	12
Red-bellied Woodpecker	285	51	48		238	59
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	110	10	16		45	9
Downy Woodpecker	226	52	37		141	22
Hairy Woodpecker	30	5	6		32	13
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)	112	53	20		149	25
Pileated Woodpecker	32	2	12		66	11
American Kestrel			2		3	2
Merlin	1	1				
Peregrine Falcon	2	1			1	
falcon sp.						
Eastern Phoebe	1		3		18	6
White-eyed Vireo		1 (us)				
Blue-headed Vireo						
Blue Jay	413	162	66		315	114
American Crow	465	163	92		944	115
Fish Crow	121	86	6		91	3
crow sp.	74	13	6		7	
Common Raven	1	2				2
Horned Lark					19	
Tree Swallow						

Species	Annapolis-Gibson Island	Middle River	Patuxent River	Jug Bay	Port Tobacco	Point Lookout
Carolina Chickadee	436	102	138	276	47	93
Black-capped Chickadee				1		
chickadee sp.				211	72	75
Tufted Titmouse	354	67	97			
Red-breasted Nuthatch						
White-breasted Nuthatch	114	24	24	111	21	1
Brown-headed Nuthatch			6			26
Brown Creeper	14	2	8	7	1	2
House Wren					1	
Winter Wren	39	17	4	30	1	4
Sedge Wren						
Marsh Wren						
Carolina Wren	312	118	52	336	96	102
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher						
Golden-crowned Kinglet	30	9	19	41	2	10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	23	12	32	65	4	9
kinglet sp.						
Eastern Bluebird	161	10	98	400	70	64
Hermit Thrush	133	12	15	123	35	7
American Robin	3244	194	149	516	435	86
Gray Catbird	6	2	1	13	1	1
Brown Thrasher	32	5	6	36	8	5
Northern Mockingbird	137	42	46	115	22	27
European Starling	2266	2735	2091	51,623	634	384
Cedar Waxwing	894	8	413	127	154	185
House Sparrow	418	175	29	136	23	61
American Pipit		2		163		30
House Finch	229	81	23	93	9	86
Purple Finch						
Pine Siskin		cw				
American Goldfinch	352	46	60	186	73	45
Snow Bunting						
Eastern Towhee	111	52	5	191	26	10
American Tree Sparrow	2	4	2			
Chipping Sparrow	27		7	25	4	9
Field Sparrow	51	16	3	104	3	1
Savannah Sparrow			15	34	29	23

Species	Annapolis-Gibson Island	Middle River	Patuxent River	Jug Bay	Port Tobacco	Point Lookout
Savannah Sparrow (Ipswich)						
LeConte's Sparrow						
Seaside Sparrow						
Nelson's Sparrow						
Nelson's/Saltmarsh Sparrow						
Fox Sparrow	11	11		24		1
Song Sparrow	444	155	79	551	134	66
Lincoln's Sparrow						
Swamp Sparrow	27	59	41	92	60	10
White-throated Sparrow	2409	507	388	1792	376	139
White-crowned Sparrow			9	2		
sparrow sp.						
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	2048	236	501	1091	337	74
Yellow-headed Blackbird						
Eastern Meadowlark			60	79	55	69
Baltimore Oriole	1					
Red-winged Blackbird	1418	1535	1124	30,7334	1254	2568
Brown-headed Cowbird	18	24	3	87	43	27
Rusty Blackbird	46	25		32		374 (hc)
Common Grackle	647	2111 (hc)	1239	51,3550	2157	1665
Boat-tailed Grackle						
blackbird sp.	8	8	50	50,0002	25	10460
Ovenbird						
Orange-crowned Warbler						
Common Yellowthroat				1		
Palm Warbler						2
Palm Warbler (Western)		1				
Palm Warbler (Yellow)						
Pine Warbler				1		14
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	119	17	164	191	156	294
Northern Cardinal	843	218	170	478	89	120
Indigo Bunting						
Painted Bunting						
Dickcissel					1 (us)	

Table 5. 2017–2018 Maryland Christmas Bird Counts: tidewater counts (Eastern Shore). (bolded species name = unusual for the Maryland counts; hc = high count record; lc = low count record; us = unusual for the specific count; cw = observed during count week)

Species	Lower Kent County	Denton	St. Michaels	Southern Dorchester County	Crisfield	Salisbury	Ocean City
Snow Goose	8887	172	5	1721		3	9474
Ross's Goose	1						
Greater White-fronted Goose	2						4
Brant	1						652
Cackling Goose	31		5			1	1
Canada Goose	63,084	2037	43,609	11,489	768	13,320	10,189
Snow x Canada Goose (hybrid)	2						
Mute Swan	4		3				
Trumpeter Swan							
Tundra Swan	1024	47	1051	795	246	23	230
Wood Duck	4	20		1	39 (hc)	28	38
Blue-winged Teal							
Northern Shoveler	168	2	5	63			116
Gadwall	1859		10	36	33		294
<u>Eurasian Wigeon</u>							
American Wigeon	36		6	1	4		156
Mallard	6126	158	448	2203	248	289	1987
American Black Duck	920	7	52	396	405	34	924
Mallard x Am. Black Duck (hybrid)	1						
Northern Pintail	201	5	27	1270			113
Green-winged Teal	2453	5	cw	16	29	6	58
Canvasback	9886		83	3000	157	77	222
Redhead	38		2			2	3
Ring-necked Duck	535	66		16	9	7	261
Greater Scaup	1734		23			2	2
Lesser Scaup	19,867	5	75	49		103	23
scaup sp.	4179		12				11
<i>Aythya</i> sp.							
King Eider							
<u>Common Eider</u>							22
Harlequin Duck							2

Species	Lower Kent County	Denton	St. Michaels	Southern Dorchester County	Crisfield	Salisbury	Ocean City
Surf Scoter	67		1511		645		53
White-winged Scoter	5		cw				1
Black Scoter	29		14				13
scoter sp.			12		500		126
Long-tailed Duck	745		1326		36	1	50
Bufflehead	2264	15	4110	336	709	113	2034
Common Goldeneye	399		344	60	1	2	9
Barrow's Goldeneye							
Hooded Merganser	81	20	42	112	105	30	222
Common Merganser	10	63 (hc)		116			
Red-breasted Merganser	15		9	50	15	1	228
merganser sp.							
Ruddy Duck	6920	11	2456	68	1306	570	69
duck sp.	22,000				80		
Northern Bobwhite	1	2					
Ring-necked Pheasant							
Ruffed Grouse							
Wild Turkey	50	26	92		54	12	
Pied-billed Grebe	6	6 (hc)	cw	5	1	8	17
Horned Grebe	30		95	8	12		13
Red-necked Grebe							1
Rock Pigeon	68	305	21	4	223	77	190
Mourning Dove	273	295	189	48	142	331	447
Rufous Hummingbird							
Clapper Rail				10	2	1	
King Rail	1			8			
Virginia Rail	13		cw	20	26	6	3
Sora					1	1	
Common Gallinule		1					1
American Coot	1	1		20		6	40
Sandhill Crane							
American Oystercatcher							7
Black-bellied Plover				6 (hc)			94
Semipalmated Plover							
Killdeer	40	64	48	44	18	58	195
Ruddy Turnstone					1		3
Red Knot							1

Species	Lower Kent County	Denton	St. Michaels	Southern Dorchester County	Crisfield	Salisbury	Ocean City
Sanderling							155
Dunlin			75	661	44		3895
Purple Sandpiper							20
Least Sandpiper			1				
Western Sandpiper				6 (hc)			
Long-billed Dowitcher					13		1
dowitcher sp.							4
American Woodcock	4			4	2	2	13
Wilson's Snipe	1	9		4	10	1	18
Lesser Yellowlegs				3	6		2
Greater Yellowlegs				42	78		44
yellowlegs sp.					1		
Bonaparte's Gull	1		3		2		2
Laughing Gull							1
Ring-billed Gull	619	1359	411	1159	936	732	1945
Herring Gull	332	121	374	459	1590	243	1035
Iceland Gull							
Lesser Black-backed Gull	2			3		1	1
Great Black-backed Gull	64	2	25	3	52	38	76
gull sp.						197	415
Forster's Tern							1
Red-throated Loon	5				1	1	56
Common Loon	37		70	15	7	8	112
Northern Gannet			1				15
Double-crested Cormorant	1305	7	3	4	1	87	42
Great Cormorant	7						
American White Pelican				24			
Brown Pelican							
American Bittern					2		
Great Blue Heron (Blue form)	77	18	52	86	109	33	117
Great Egret					20	1	2
Black-crowned Night-Heron			cw		7		cw
Black Vulture	69	141	56	36	83	22	293
Turkey Vulture	293	270	225	293	1341 (hc)	323	682
Golden Eagle			1	2			1
Northern Harrier	15	5	5	37	39	9	13
Sharp-shinned Hawk	7	5	8	2	6	4	9

Species	Lower Kent County	Denton	St. Michaels	Southern Dorchester County	Crisfield	Salisbury	Ocean City
Cooper's Hawk <i>Accipiter</i> sp.	9	9	8	1	9	9	7
Bald Eagle	143	20	60	131	129 (hc)	66	142 (hc)
Red-shouldered Hawk	14	16 (hc)	13	5	8	13	10
Red-tailed Hawk	40	31	19	12	14	24	20
Rough-legged Hawk <i>Buteo</i> sp.							
Barn Owl	1			6		1	2
Eastern Screech-Owl	64	9	48	27	8	28	19
Great Horned Owl	60	7	54	24	21	22	11
Snowy Owl			cw				2
Barred Owl	8	8	6	1	2		1
Short-eared Owl			cw	8			1
Belted Kingfisher	20	7	24	14	22	18	29
Red-headed Woodpecker				6			
Red-bellied Woodpecker	163	55	74	31	43	64	60
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	43	15	24	5	3	16	17
Downy Woodpecker	97	23	48	61	73	60	60
Hairy Woodpecker	27	7	18	7	13	10	39
Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted)	189	65	108	44	80	63	106
Pileated Woodpecker	29	18	21	17	13	36	9
American Kestrel	8	14	7	5	10	10	10 (lc)
Merlin	1		1	1	3	5	5
Peregrine Falcon falcon sp.	1	1		1	1		
Eastern Phoebe	3	10 (hc)		6	16	13	39
White-eyed Vireo							1 (us)
Blue-headed Vireo					1		
Blue Jay	427	128	269	36	75	126	105
American Crow	236	200	551	266	402	249	342
Fish Crow crow sp.	1	20 (hc)	78	1825	63	83	18
Common Raven			7	800	855	114	1074
Horned Lark	287	127	2		19	6	73
Tree Swallow						1	3
Carolina Chickadee	213	86	140	134	145	132	253
Black-capped Chickadee							

Species	Lower Kent County	Denton	St. Michaels	Southern Dorchester County	Crisfield	Salisbury	Ocean City
chickadee sp.							
Tufted Titmouse	166	65	83	52	26	57	136
Red-breasted Nuthatch			3				
White-breasted Nuthatch	20	17	14	1	2	2	
Brown-headed Nuthatch	22		40	180	147 (hc)	42	67
Brown Creeper	11	6	8	4	8	7	11
House Wren	5		1	2	1	1	6
Winter Wren	38	11	6	11	21	26	46
Sedge Wren	2			2	3	1	
Marsh Wren	3		cw	9	14		1
Carolina Wren	282	105	113	63	87	144	182
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher							
Golden-crowned Kinglet	66	30	59	48	31	35	95
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	44	15 (hc)	52	44	52	31	26
kinglet sp.							
Eastern Bluebird	232	223	270	95	170	123	203
Hermit Thrush	26	40	34	19	69	67	54
American Robin	165	1961	626	374	703	588	14925
Gray Catbird	6	4 (hc)	6	7	10	11	30
Brown Thrasher	25	12 (hc)	19 (hc)	6	12	16	25
Northern Mockingbird	137	72	139	33	47	76	127
European Starling	3649	1927	1245	1428	1516	1180	8784
Cedar Waxwing	94	9	358	3	35		71
House Sparrow	62	302	50	17	25	46	99 (lc)
American Pipit	35	130	1	39			4
House Finch	66	57	121	4	11	24	108
Purple Finch	1		3				2
Pine Siskin	1						
American Goldfinch	163	42	144	54	29	58	129
Snow Bunting							22
Eastern Towhee	147	33	11	14	10	31	26
American Tree Sparrow				4			
Chipping Sparrow	8	118	5	1	42	78	179
Field Sparrow	86	19	9	5	40	20	70
Savannah Sparrow	127	30	21	62	21	48	99
Savannah Sparrow (Ipswich)							16
LeConte's Sparrow							

Species	Lower Kent County	Denton	St. Michaels	Southern Dorchester County	Crisfield	Salisbury	Ocean City
Seaside Sparrow					3		
Nelson's Sparrow							1
Nelson's/Saltmarsh Sparrow				2	1		
Fox Sparrow	44	4	1	9	36	47	71
Song Sparrow	1115	133	201	336	249	342	620
Lincoln's Sparrow							
Swamp Sparrow	364	20	43	283	180	137	233
White-throated Sparrow	2268	1497	546	131	360	688	1639
White-crowned Sparrow	41	1	3			3	
sparrow sp.							
Dark-eyed Junco (Slate-colored)	626	852	529	13	289	316	1008
Yellow-headed Blackbird							
Eastern Meadowlark	28	29	12	52	55	15	277
Baltimore Oriole							
Red-winged Blackbird	15,102	529	2153	24,692	7363	2746	7349
Brown-headed Cowbird	888	28	50	155	2	5	848
Rusty Blackbird	19			12	14		1
Common Grackle	18,779	6690	546	211	115	946	117
Boat-tailed Grackle				23	124		41
blackbird sp.	12,900	600				845	50
Ovenbird	1 (us)						
Orange-crowned Warbler	1				2	2	3
Common Yellowthroat							2
Palm Warbler	1 33 (hc)			3	13	3	
Palm Warbler (Western)		10					6
Palm Warbler (Yellow)							
Pine Warbler	1	2	5	1	2	4	8
Yellow-rumped Warbler (Myrtle)	322	8	425	415	1361	156	3597
Northern Cardinal	592	150	194	65	128	191	443
Indigo Bunting	1 (us)						
Painted Bunting	1 (us)						
Dickcissel							