

Solem Plant Database 1978 – 2016 (ongoing).

The earliest plant records in this database date from the 1970s and early 1980s that were part of a Spring Wildflower Project initiated by Bob Solem under the auspices of the Howard County Bird Club. An enthusiastic core of individuals pressed to expand the project, so it gradually morphed into an effort that covered the entire blooming season. As time went on, additional observers provided records, and non-flowering plant records were assimilated as well. All records were kept on individual 3x5 cards with date, location, and watershed. Bob documented many records with photographs. Because the images were taken with color film, they have degraded with time and most are no longer useful.

We collected perhaps half the records and maintained the database, but it was definitely a group effort. The listed individuals have all made contributions, although no attempt was made to quantify the number of records credited to each. That varied from a handful by a few people to dozens or even hundreds by the most diligent and knowledgeable. Many of those listed were (and are) treasured field companions. Bob acknowledges the field assistance of Delos (Chuck) Dupree and J. Christopher (Chris) Ludwig who frequently accompanied him in the early decades. Scott Atkinson provided many hundreds of his personal records; D. Daniel Boone assisted with identifications.

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Solem Odonate Database 1994 – 2016 (ongoing).

The vast majority of odonate records are ours. Most of them date from the mid-1990s to 2007. During that period, with Richard Orr's encouragement, we put the majority of our field time into establishing a species baseline for the county. We were accompanied in the field by a number of people. Nancy Magnusson was probably with us most frequently, as were Grazina and Mike McClure. All of our in-hand photos of specimens were taken with film cameras and made into prints. Especially since 2010, county records obtained by Richard Orr and Bonnie Ott have received excellent digital documentation. Occasional records are still added to this database.

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Solem Fungi Database 1999 – 2016 (ongoing).

A core group of natural history enthusiasts have been frequent field companions and have helped to enhance the scope and knowledge of county fungi. Our thanks to Nancy Magnusson, Grazina McClure, Richard Orr, and Bonnie Ott for assistance and pleasant memories. Their sharp eyes and unflagging enthusiasm have added many species; in addition, Richard and Bonnie's excellent macrophotographs have been a bonus. Richard also graciously examined spores microscopically before we acquired a microscope; he continues to add species, especially those relating to insects.

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