

Maryland Biodiversity Project Highlights

October 2017



Introduction

Thank you as always to our incredible team of [contributors](#) and [editors](#)! Below our our highlights for October 2017.

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Highlights

- Collaborated with Maryland DNR's Natural Heritage Program (NHP), sharing MBP records for uncommon butterfly species of increasing concern.
- Ingested the Maryland DNR Moth Database, including new Smithsonian Institution data - over 18,000 moth records! Processed by Mike Ostrowski.
- Completed a major plant taxonomy synch with the final draft of the Knapp/Naczi checklist ("An Annotated Checklist of the Vascular Flora of Maryland").
- Helped to integrate the Adkins Arboretum's Living Collections Database and Maryland Plant Atlas by creating a custom web service that makes it easy for them to link their plant pages to the Maryland Plant Atlas.
- Nancy Magnusson processed land snail and slug data from Steury & Pearce (2014).
- We broke 9,500 species with photos at Maryland Biodiversity Project!
- New feature - Top 100 Contributors by Records can now be filtered by quad.
- Added some additional editor tools (e.g., personal record site lists).
- Made improvements to final approval processing for certain types of records.
- The last MBP field trip of the season was a productive visit to coastal Worcester Co.
- Jim did an MBP presentation at Marshy Point Nature Center in Baltimore Co.
- Jim participated in an open house with the Baltimore Ecosystem Study (BES LTER), a National Science Foundation (NSF) funded Long-Term Ecological Research (LTER) site.
- We processed 21,761 records and 2,895 photos, of which 903 photos were taken during the one-month window.
- "New Stuff" for each month - new state, county, quad, and month records by observer. You can now click any contributor's name to filter by that observer:
<https://www.marylandbiodiversity.com/services/checkForNew.php?year=2017&month=10>.

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- We wrote daily Maryland natural history posts on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/MarylandBiodiversity>) and regular posts on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/MDBiodiversity>) and Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/mdbiodiversity/>). Our Facebook posts reached over 40,000 people!

Stats

- Species/taxa featured: **17,488** (+28!)
- Species with photos: **9,502** (+46!)
- Total Records: **380,930** (+21,364)
- Total Photos: **94,039** (+2,490)
- Contributors: **877** (+10)
- Facebook Page Likes: **8,422** (+77)
- Twitter Followers: **285** (+20)
- Instagram Followers: **246** (+68)
- Photos in the MBP Flickr queue: **2,249** (+152)

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Photo Credit

This month's cover photo shows a stunning Rosy Maple Moth documented by Scott Houston in Worcester Co., Maryland.