

# Maryland Biodiversity Project Highlights

## August 2017

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### Introduction

Thank you to our amazing team of [contributors](#) and [editors](#) for making August 2017 an extremely fun and productive month.

We gave out a lot of cool MBP t-shirts at the Howard County Conservancy BioBlitz. For this week only, we'll send an MBP t-shirt to anyone who donates to support MBP! Click the "Donate" button at the top-right of any MBP page.

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## Highlights

- The Howard County Conservancy (HCC) BioBlitz was a huge success. Thank you to the gracious HCC staff and awesome volunteers and participants. The HCC sub-site at MBP has almost reached 1,000 species! Wow! <https://goo.gl/MevWmV>
- Congratulations to Wes Knapp and Rob Naczi on their final submission for publication of "An Annotated Checklist of the Maryland Flora"! We have collaborated closely with Wes and Rob as part of the Maryland Plant Atlas effort.
- The August MBP field trip took to the water and enjoyed some excellent fishing and biodiversity sightings on Marshyhope Creek and the Chesapeake Bay.
- Jim gave a well-attended MBP presentation at the Oxford Community Center.
- Jim participated in Bob Cammarata's Caterpillar Safari in Harford County on 8/20, which yielded some fantastic photos and records from the group. Late summer is an outstanding time for documenting caterpillars!
- We are coordinating with Maryland DNR and Maryland Entomological Society (MES) on sharing key moth data sets (e.g., John Glaser's amazing data, which was meticulously processed by Nancy Magnusson for MBP).
- Coordinated with ground beetle (Carabidae) expert Peter Messer to formally document several new Maryland species for a national registry of state records.
- Worked with Maryland Native Plant Society (MNPS) and Maryland DNR's Natural Heritage Program to start tracking the latest potential invasive species, the Bee-bee Tree (*Tetradium daniellii*) . [See page](#).
- New feature - On any species page, there is now a "View All Images" button below the displayed photos. Click it to see all photos for that species, not just the set selected for default display on the page. Enjoy!
- Added a new admin feature to allow more easily exporting records for researchers.
- "New Stuff" for each month - new state, county, quad, and month records by observer. You can now click any contributor's name to see their new contributions.

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<https://www.marylandbiodiversity.com/services/checkForNew.php?year=2017&month=8>.

- 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: **17,415** (+91!)
- Species with photos: **9,376** (+129!)
- Total Records: **345,695** (+7,655)
- Total Photos: **80,633** (+6,522)
- Contributors: **848** (+29)
- Facebook Page Likes: **8,182** (+72)
- Twitter Followers: **265** (+33)
- Instagram Followers: **178**
- Photos in the MBP Flickr queue: **2,194** (+278 during peak season)

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### **Photo Credit**

This month's cover photo shows one of the stars of the Howard County Conservancy BioBlitz. Richard Orr captured one of the many gorgeous photos of this Cecropia Moth caterpillar.



