

Maryland Biodiversity Project Highlights

June 2017



Introduction

It's summer! Thanks, everyone, for another productive month at Maryland Biodiversity Project. We are excited to again review all the work that we completed together. As always, thanks to our amazing community of [contributors](#) and [editors](#).

If you're in a position to make a donation, please do - we will put it to good use making the project even better! (Click "Donate" at the top-right of any MBP page.)

Highlights

- Big news in data-processing - we added 22,000+ plant records from the Smithsonian Institution to MBP and the Maryland Plant Atlas! Thanks to Mark Strong (USNM) and Mike Ostrowski.
- We created a new web service to export all records of invasive species for sharing with partners hoping to fight the spread of those species (e.g., National Invasive Species Council, EDDMapS).
- Jim was awarded the prestigious 2017 Chesapeake Champion award. Congratulations, Jim! Thank you to UMCES and all the sponsors and attendees!
- Jim did a great program with the kids from the Natural History Museum's Q?rius group at Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC).
- Bill participated in a Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) BioBlitz at Oregon Ridge Park in Baltimore Co. We are very excited to be a part of Baltimore County's 5th grade curriculum and to partner more closely with BCPS.
- We held our fifth MBP Facebook Blitz, this month switching gears and asking our contributors to focus on butterfly records. We added a lot of new data!
- Zoë Tice started processing Flickr photos to assist us with the ever-increasing volume of photo submissions, especially at peak field season!
- We continued significant updates to the new photo processing system, including the option to review page comments.
- We completed a major overhaul of the final approval process to streamline and improve quality.
- We upgraded the thumbnails pages to show full photo captions, which include the county and date of the observation.
- We prepared our plan and outline for our [Aqua Kids](#) filming on July 1st.

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- We processed 26,307 records and 3,106 photos, of which 2,803 photos were taken during the June window.
 - We will now feature an export of “New Stuff” for each month - new state, county, quad, and month records by observer. Very impressive!
<https://www.marylandbiodiversity.com/services/checkForNew.php?year=2017&month=6>. We'll work on making this more readable in the future (e.g., using tables).
 - We wrote daily Maryland natural history posts on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/MarylandBiodiversity>) and regular posts on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/MDBiodiversity>). Our Facebook posts reached over 40,000 people.

Stats

- Species/taxa featured: **17,324** (+7)
- Species with photos: **9,247** (+36)
- Total Records: **345,276** (+26,307)
- Total Photos: **80,633** (+3,106)
- Contributors: **801** (+6)
- Facebook Page Likes: **7,839** (+315)
- Twitter Followers: **165** (+9) (still getting started)
- Photos in the MBP Flickr queue: **2,416** (peak field season)

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