

### **eBird at Cromwell Valley Park**

Many birders enjoy recording their bird observations at eBird, an online database run by the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Birders use eBird to keep track of their personal observations from year to year and site to site. Scientists use the compilations of bird observations from thousands of birders around the world to understand large-scale trends in bird populations, ranges, migratory routes and more. Learn more about eBird at **[LINK to <http://ebird.org/content/ebird/about.>]**

You can be a part of eBird at Cromwell Valley Park and make a contribution to our understanding of bird populations in the park. For example, from eBird observations, we know that 181 species of birds have been spotted at Cromwell Valley Park, and that a Sand Hill Crane was observed on 9/11/2012. The link below shows a bar chart by month for all sightings that have been entered into eBird from the Cromwell Valley Park hotspot **[LINK to <http://ebird.org/ebird/GuideMe?src=changeDate&getLocations=hotspots&hotspots=L211930&parentState=US-MD&reportType=location&monthRadio=on&bMonth=01&eMonth=12&bYear=1900&eYear=2013&continue.x=24&continue.y=9>]**

eBird monitoring trails and stationary sites have been set up at the park to allow birders to submit site-specific data that we hope to use to support localized habitat management decisions in the park.

### **Location of CVP Monitoring Trails and Sites**

Five trails and two stationary sites, representing different habitats, have been set up for eBird monitoring at CVP.

The seven locations are shown on the map **[LINK to eBird Trail Map]** and further described in the BIRD MONITORING INFORMATION document **[LINK]**

### **To Submit Bird Observations to the CVP Bird Monitoring Program**

To submit observations for our monitoring trails and stationary sites, you will need to enter the CVP Monitoring locations **into your personal eBird account** and then **share them with the CVP account: cromvalpark.**

Use the precise wording and coordinates shown here to enter the CVP monitoring locations:

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK: Blue Trail

39.414287 -76.549609

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK: East/West Road

39.414697 -76.551336

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK: Hawkwatch Station

39.416349 -76.549580

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK: Red Trail

39.420469 -76.549473

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK: Red Trail Loop

39.421727 -76.552514

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK: White/Blue Loop

39.417597 -76.546117

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK: Willow Grove Nature Education Center

39.417427 -76.547710

Stepwise Directions:

1. Open your eBird account and go to "Submit Observations"
2. Click on "Use Latitude and Longitude"
3. Copy a location's latitude from the listing above and paste it into the "Latitude" box that appears; then copy the same location's longitude and past it into the "Longitude" box. NOTE: The convention is to precede longitudes in the Western Hemisphere with a minus sign. The listing above is formatted correctly so all you need to do is copy and paste. Typing in coordinates is not recommended as any typo could lead to rejection of one or more of your checklists. You need only do this once for each standardized location, after which they will all appear together in "My Locations" in your personal eBird account.
4. Click on "Continue"
5. The map page that appears will ask you to name the location; copy and paste the exact name as given in the list, including the words "CROMWELL VALLEY PARK: " (with all punctuation, including caps and spaces). Use of this prefix will ensure that all of the locations will group one after another in the "My Locations" list of your eBird account and keep all your shared checklists congruent with the standardized locations in the Cromwell Valley account. Again, typing the name is not recommended due to the possibility of errors.
6. Click on "Continue" and you will be returned to the "Submit Observations" page. You are not required to submit bird checklist data in order to have the location added to your "My Locations" list. If you do not have bird checklist data to enter, go back to step #2 above and repeat the process for the next location until you have entered them all.

**DON'T FORGET TO SHARE YOUR MONITORING CHECKLISTS WITH THE CVP eBIRD ACCOUNT: **cromvalpark****