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#### NORTH AMERICAN MIGRATION COUNT (NAMC)

This annual event was initiated in 1992 by Jim Stasz, Coordinator, P.O. Box 71, North Beach, MD 20714. It is not associated with any national organization. Some of its goals, presented in the NAMC Newsletter, January 1993, are as follows:

- \* to obtain a "snapshot" of the progress of spring migration;

- \* to obtain information on the abundance and distribution of each species;
- \* to initiate more participation among birders within a state and between states;
- \* to aid in the organization and centralization of data.

The NAMC is patterned after the Christmas Bird Count with some differences. The area for a count is an entire county (parish in Louisiana) instead of a circle 15 miles in diameter. The count is done on the same single day across all of the lower 48 states. According to Mr. Stasz, the second Saturday in May was chosen to try to find the peaks of movement of neotropical species while they are still in the lower 48 states, with the realization that there will not be peaks everywhere on this date.

The data can be collected in the following ways: Regular, with some type of mobility (by foot, car, boat, bike. etc.); Stationary; Feeder Watching; and "Owling." The method used must be submitted, along with weather conditions, hours, and mileage.

For further information, contact Mr. Stasz at the address given above.