Mid-Atlantic Birding Sites: A Locator

This section includes directions to many of the Mid-Atlantic’s best birding sites. Each is mentioned in one or more of the species accounts as being one of the best or, in some cases, the only place where a particular bird occurs in the region. I have tried to provide at least three such sites for each species. In compiling the list, I have leaned heavily on existing bird-finding guides—although responsibility for any errors is entirely mine, and, unfortunately, there are errors. Nevertheless, if you use this list with “an open mind and a sense of humor” (as my dissertation chairman, Dwain Warner, used to say), you should have some fun prospecting for birds.

When using the list, please keep in mind that mileages are estimates, for the most part, designed to put you in the right vicinity. Also note that interstate exit numbers are subject to change. Consider these little problems to be a challenge to your sense of adventure, and you will probably be happier. It is also helpful to have detailed maps. In addition to state highway maps, a gazetteer for each of the states can be extremely useful. DeLorme (207-865-4171) makes gazetteers.