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THANKSGIVING TRIP

11/27-30/09 By Carolyn Allen

Thanksgiving PBC trips are fun and frequently produce the unexpected. On Thanksgiving Day, one of our most informative stops was on a dirt road between farm fields as we approached Lake Mattamuskeet. Thousands of Snow Geese were grazing in the stubble corn fields. From a distance the flocks seemed to rise and fall slowly like a billowing white cloud. On close inspection there was a wide mix of Snow, Blue, hybrid Geese and different aged birds, giving us a great opportunity to study plumage variations. On the Mattamuskeet National Wildlife Refuge abundant bird life included adult and immature Bald Eagles, Kestrels, a Cooper's Hawk, and Northern Harriers. Tundra Swans by the thousands, Ibis, White and Glossy, Great and Snowy Egrets, and Great Blue and Tricolored Herons filled our binoculars. Three dozen Avocets, two Marbled Godwits, several Greater Yellow Legs, a Palm Warbler and a Eurasian Wigeon were special finds. As we left the Refuge on the causeway going north, we encountered a flight of hundreds of Tree Swallows coursing very low back and forth across the roadway feeding on multitudes of insects. Unfortunately, some did not escape fatal impacts with vehicles.

While waiting at Alligator River NWR later that afternoon for the "mythical" Short-eared Owl (we did not see one), we did find in the dusk one of the great surprises of the trip, Woodcocks! We could see their

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MILLER PARK TRIP

11/01/08

By Susan Weimer

Miller Park brought ten participants together on a particularly beautiful sunny day. Trip leaders Ann and Chester Robertson were joined by eight PBC and TGP Audubon members. There was not much bird action when the group started out, but as the sun rose, the general population of birds came out in full force. We spotted Carolina Wren, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Carolina Chickadee, and Tufted Titmouse.

Ann showed us some spots where Winter Wrens have been known to frequent. Of course, as we passed these areas, none came into sight. She also pointed out areas where Yellow-crowned Night-Herons come yearly to nest. We were able to see the nest while on this trip. Ann pointed out that shelter #2 is the one to visit as the birds go through their mating ritual and that the best time to hear and view them is during the 2nd or 3rd week of March. She related the story of an injured young night heron which was taken to a wildlife rehabilitation center. The director in charge nursed it back to health and, when it reached the age to eat a normal heron diet, had to find 80 crayfish a day to feed the youngster.

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Miller Park Trip Participants
By Susan Weimer

**From the
PRESIDENT'S PERCH**

By Susan Weimer

As we start 2009, I would like to wish everyone another successful year of birding. As your President, I would like to thank all those who participated and prepared the Holiday Dinner. Although we had some technical difficulties with our computerized slide program, it provided some good visiting time. It was really good to see everyone and get a chance to share stories about trips, the birds that come to your feeders, special sightings, and your activities that aid in conservation to help the birds.

I would especially like to thank those who are involved in keeping up-to-date on various unusual sightings around the county and area. These reports have been interesting and fruitful for many of our members. I encourage everyone to continue your efforts in making our e-mail system a viable means of communication.

There are many fine programs coming up for our future meetings. Attendance at these programs has been very satisfying. It is wonderful to see so many participants who ask thoughtful questions, sit on the hard chairs without complaining, and are so respectful to the speakers. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. has been a successful addition to our meetings. Chatter about bird outings, sightings, conservation issues, other aspects of nature such as tree and plant and butterfly identification all add to the value of being a member of this club.

The Christmas Bird Count, although somewhat disappointing in overall results this past December, is a valuable contribution to the scientific endeavor of providing valuable information on the abundance of birds. It is generally expected that some years will produce great numbers and others lesser numbers, particularly due to weather. Other factors include number of participants, miles clocked and hours clocked. I would like to personally thank everyone who participated in any way with the Christmas Count. Any contribution to this effort is greatly appreciated.



POCOSIN LAKES TRIP

11/26/08

By Julien McCarthy

Gregg Morris, Judith Pate and Julien McCarthy decided to go east early on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving to Pocosin Lakes NWR on the way to the PBC Thanksgiving trip to the Outer Banks. Since this exciting visit was not part of the "official" PBC event, we decided to write a separate trip report.

We arrived at Pocosin Lakes NWR at about 1:30 p.m. and immediately drove deep into the core of the territory. We were shocked to see much of the wetland drained and traditional routes into the refuge blocked. With significant effort on foot, we managed to reach the banks of Pungo Lake where we found great numbers of Green-winged Teal, Black Ducks, Snow Geese, and other ducks. On the way back from our three-mile birding walk, as Judith predicted, we found a Black Bear wandering our road on his way to feed in the remaining dried corn crop. As well, we were elated to witness, through our scopes, the marking behaviors of a very large Bobcat about a quarter of a mile out and it was Gregg's first-ever sighting of this species. (Yeah !!)

We found 43 bird species there in about 3.5 hours (six of which were not seen on the three-day TG trip). Notable were a Merlin and vast numbers of Black Ducks. The lakes were way down due to drought and water management tactics. Access throughout the Refuge has been changed. Certain areas once open are now inaccessible. There was no evidence on the west side of the Refuge of the vast forest fire which occurred in the summer. From our last glimpse of the Bobcat we set out for Manteo where we met up with the other trip leader, Emily Tyler, and shared a fine meal as we prepared to peruse the Outer Banks with the entire group over the Thanksgiving weekend.



EAGLE UPDATE *By Lynn Moseley*

The eagle pair is back in residence at the nest they've used for the past several years on Lake Brandt. In late December, they were very active in and around their nest, and, while my husband and I watched for about 45 minutes, spent most of the time close together as they moved back and forth from the nest to nearby trees. Hopefully we'll see positive results from the pair soon, as egg-laying should begin in January.



**AUGUSTA/ HIGHLAND/
BATH COUNTY, VA
01/16-19/09**

By George Wheaton

Five members of the PBC sallied forth to Staunton, VA to begin our winter birding trip to Augusta, Highland, and Bath County in the northwestern part of the state. We arrived in Staunton, our initial base of operations, around 4:30 on Friday afternoon and were birding by 5:00 in hopes of getting our first target bird – Short-eared Owl. Although we did see a number of White-crowned Sparrows and a "mousing" Red Fox, the owl either overslept or decided it was too cold to put in an appearance. (We resumed our search late on Saturday afternoon and dipped on [failed to find] the owl at three additional sites.)

Saturday morning dawned clear but cold. Allen Lerner, one of Augusta County's top birders and our leader for the day, first took us to a private pond along Bell's Lane. The 9:00 a.m. temperature equaled the number of Cackling Geese (4) we were able to identify in the large flock of Canadas and ducks that were swimming around trying to keep their small patch of open water from freezing. We found many of the day's waterfowl species at this location. The "Cacklers" were a life bird for most of the group.

Allen next took us to a nearby location where we had fabulous views of a Barn Owl – in the same barn as last year. He then led us around Augusta County where we were able to spot a number of interesting birds. These included: three male Northern Harriers ("Gray Ghosts"); out of season Wood Duck and Tundra Swan; Canvasback, Common Merganser, and other assorted beauties. We dipped on other stakeouts including: Greater White-fronted Goose, Loggerhead Shrike, and Snow Bunting.

Sunday we arose early and departed for Monterey, arriving at the traditional Red Crossbill site by 9:00. Alas, the hoped for Crossbills were elsewhere. Undeterred, we moved on to McDowell, VA to investigate various feeders. We were rewarded with excellent views of two American Tree Sparrows (a lifer for some) and a Black-capped Chickadee. We then drove to Monterey in snow showers that promised to become more substantial. On our first swing

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unique shapes moving past, but it was their nasal “peent” calls that gave them away.

Friday, we focused on Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge. Neal and Pat Moore, volunteers at the Refuge, led their regular Friday morning excursions for anyone who shows up at the North Pond Visitor Center. Neal found a gathering of seventeen Black-crowned Night-Herons, adults and immatures, in shrubbery beside water on the south side of the North Pond dike. Three White Pelicans, multiple Brown Pelicans, Double-crested Cormorants, ten duck species, Great Blue and Tricolored Herons, Great and Snowy Egrets, Avocets, White and Glossy Ibis, and Tundra Swans were easy to see. From the ocean side, Gannets, a Common Loon, Ring-billed and Herring Gulls, Sanderlings, and Willets added to the list. A second walk led by Neal Moore at South Pond produced two “new birds,” both found by Julien McCarthy, Mute Swans and an “Ipswich Sparrow,” a very light-colored form of the Savannah Sparrow.

Saturday, we drove south to Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and met the Moores for the trip to Hatteras Point. No location provides better opportunities to study Lesser Black-backed Gulls. Sometimes they cooperate and stand next to a Greater Black-backed Gull which shows the size difference (Lessers are the size of Herring Gulls or even slightly smaller in some cases) and leg color difference (yellow compared to flesh-colored for the Greater). We also added a couple of Bonaparte’s Gulls, Dunlin, Turnstones, Forster’s and Sandwich Terns. After lunch with the Moores at the Dolphin Den in Avon we headed north to Manteo. A light rain had settled in, and NOAH weather reports suggested that birding this weekend was over. But the effort was rewarding in many ways, with a total of 103 species seen, and a renewed awareness of the wonders of avian life!



BOG GARDEN TRIP 11/15/08

By Louise Brown

We had a nice group of a dozen people meet at the Bog Garden, mostly PBC members but also a couple of TGP Audubon members. Many of the regular winter visitors had arrived, the Yellow-rumped Warblers, White-throated Sparrows, and Ruby-crowned Kinglets. Out in the middle of the lake, a flock of over a dozen Ring-necked Ducks was resting. A stalwart Great Blue Heron stood in the shallow water not far from the boardwalk, unperturbed by us and other people there.

For some reason a large number of species was not seen that day (I believe the park list includes almost 130 species that have been seen in the park over the last several years) but there were of course many Mallards, woodpeckers (Downy, Red-bellied, Flicker), Titmice, Chickadees, Nuthatches, (both White-breasted and Brown-headed), Cardinals, Towhees, Goldfinches and others. There were a number of crows and at least one of them was a Fish Crow.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We look forward to sharing our upcoming activities with these new members!

**Verner, Lori & Michael Edwards
Lynn McCoy & Jane Blackburn
Allison Bashinsky
Marlene Talley**



At the White Street Landfill
Photo by Julien McCarthy

ALAMANCE COUNTY TRIP 12/06/08

By Lynn Moseley

Fifteen birders met at 9:00 am in Burlington on a relatively mild early-December day to explore Lake MacIntosh reservoir and Cedarrock Park in Alamance County. A total of 41 species was observed for the morning, including both wetland and upland species typical of the season.. At Lake MacIntosh, we observed a number of waterfowl species such as Ruddy Ducks, Ring-necked Ducks, and American Wigeon. In the woods around the lake we spotted both kinglets, Brown Creeper, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, and White-breasted and Brown-headed Nuthatches. At Cedarrock Park we found a Hermit Thrush, several sparrows, Cooper’s Hawk, and more of the “usual suspects.”



WHITE STREET LANDFILL 1/10/09

By Emily Tyler

The annual field trip to the Greensboro Landfill was widely anticipated and once again did not disappoint. Despite earlier forecasts of inclement weather, the day dawned clear and bright and typically cold for a January day. Later the wind would become blustery on top of “Mount Trashmore.”

A record 29 birders made the trek to the landfill for this joint field trip with the local Audubon chapter which yielded 46 species. The pond near the office offered the usual Ring-necked Ducks, Hooded Mergansers and Buffleheads as well as a Kingfisher and Eastern Phoebe around the edges. The caravan of about nine vehicles snaked its way around the old landfill site north of the office, stopping for everyone to get out every few hundred yards and walk, spotting birds along the way.

Our youngest member, Stephen (11), was one of the first to spot one of the special sightings of the day, a Northern Harrier, only seen a couple of other times at this site, including last January’s trip to the landfill. Other good sightings from this area included Savannah Sparrow and a Palm Warbler.

Working our way to the other side of the 800-acre property, due diligence was given to finding White-crowned

FROM THE PBC ARCHIVES

By Susan Weimer, History and Archives Chair

Reflections presented at the Piedmont Bird Club's 50th Anniversary celebrated on March 17, 1987

Author: Joan Tipton

Even as a very small child in Great Britain, the out-of-doors was always the most exciting, interesting place to be. Many years later, as my American husband, Darl, climbed the executive ladder, we found ourselves in Greensboro and in a house whose garden touched the garden of a house that Miss Etta Schiffman bought some years later.

Etta and I became fast friends. She invited me to Sunday afternoon Bird Walks with the Piedmont Bird club. I rarely missed one. Darl was able to look after the children and I could roam the countryside with the most delightful group of people, mostly educators.

And, oh the things I learned! And the people I met! Inez Caldwell immediately took me under her wing because of my fascination with bird calls. She quickly taught me the song sparrow's call – "Tea, Tea. Tea Polly Put the Kettle On" and many others.

I also remember Ida Mitchell imitating bird songs and looking for clay! Another who always shared her knowledge of biology, flowers, spiders and rocks was Charlotte Dawley. We had many a field trip together.

Dr. Robert Lasley, a fine teacher of English, also shared his wisdom. On one fall trip, I saw a huge tree laced with a vine of wondrous design. I started running toward it and he warned, "Don't touch it – it's poison!" On another occasion, this time during an early Spring walk, we saw a cherry tree coming into bloom. I began quoting A.E. Housman's poem:

Loveliest of trees, the cherry now
Is hung with bloom along the bough

and Dr. Lashley finished:

And stands about the woodland ride
Wearing white for Eastertide.

That was perfect understanding of one's indescribable feelings of beauty.

through the northern loop of the Bluegrass Valley we had mid-range looks at a juvenile and a dark morph Rough-legged Hawk in close proximity to each other. Both birds put on quite a show, preening and then flying near us. It got better! Sunday produced 12 sightings of this species, with individuals perched and flying at point-blank range, including two close fly-overs of our vehicles and one bird kiting at eye-level across from our vehicles. These sightings were all the more remarkable given the low cloud cover and continuing light snow. Golden Eagles did not venture forth.

On Monday morning, we took one last swing through the Valley in the midst of light snow with the promise of heavier snow to come. We found two more American Tree Sparrows (again, at feeders) and had another three sightings of Rough-legged Hawk. In all, we saw this species on 15 different occasions and believe a minimum of six different individuals was involved. It truly was the year of the Rough-legged Hawk.

An uneventful trip home wrapped up late on Monday afternoon. We saw a total of 80 species, with an additional three picked up en route. Winter birding in the mountains is indeed a rewarding and exciting experience. The scenery was beautiful, especially with snow on the mountains and rime on mountainside trees.

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Sparrows in their usual spot since first being found there by George Wheaton on this trip in 2006. It took some time but Henry Link and Scott DePue located an immature. We were fortunate to be able to count three American Kestrels perched on nearby wires as well as a Common Raven sailing by. A Red-tailed Hawk took a position on a pipe not far from where a brilliantly-colored Eastern Meadowlark languished in the grass. Those birders with the best ears heard a flock of Pine Siskins in flight overhead.

In the small amount of bare soil still to be found at the landfill, atop the youngest of the "mountains," a good number of Ring-billed Gulls was seen amidst the earth-moving equipment along with a couple of Herring Gulls. Vultures were few in number, compared to the old days when this was an active landfill for the City's household waste, but both Turkey and Black Vultures were seen.

Along the winding dirt road on the back side of the landfill property, with the woods on one side and the grass-covered hillside on the other, relatively few birds were spotted except for several Red-tailed Hawks, a kiting Kestrel and a Swamp

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Pine Warbler
by Julien McCarthy



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One of the more interesting sightings was a group of three Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers. We assumed that they were a family, mother, father, and immature.

After we finished birding, we went to a nearby Bruegger's Bagels and had some lunch. It was a good time to become better acquainted. We found out that Chester was a paramedic and then in his off time, worked for a vault company.

Altogether we identified seventeen different species.



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Sparrow, which brought the number of sparrow species to six. Some of the other birds seen included Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Northern Flickers, Chickadees, Eastern Bluebirds, Carolina Wrens and Cardinals.

By 1:00 most birders had left but the few who stayed on were rewarded with the sighting of a sub-adult Bald Eagle, Red-shouldered Hawk and a House Wren.

This field trip has become perhaps the most popular one all year due in part to the special arrangements that have to be made to gain access to the landfill. We are grateful to Carolyn Allen who makes this possible for us through her special connections with the landfill management. As usual she did an outstanding job of leading us through the wide diversity of habitats and providing us with another winning trip which was enjoyed by all.



Saturday, February 28, 2009

Field Trip: A&T Farm. Meet at the Farm entrance at 8:30 a.m. Easy hike around a farm pond and around the edge of wet woodland. This is our best site for Wilson's Snipe and possibly American Pipit. Wear water resistant footwear, dress in layers. Leader: Emily Tyler; 375-5770, ettyler@triad.rr.com

Saturday, March 7, 2009

Adopt-a-Park: Members will improve the environment by picking up trash at Greensboro Country Park. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot that can be reached by turning onto Orman Road from Lawndale, and then turning left at the intersection. Leader: Cal Weimer; 288-2160, cweimer@triad.rr.com

Thursday, March 19, 2009

Meeting: Butterfly Identification for Birders. Dennis Burnette, retired GTCC Associate Professor of Sociology, former President of PBC & TGP Audubon. A passionate birder himself, Dennis began watching butterflies about 15 years ago and subsequently founded the Carolina Butterfly Society. Butterflies can be as easy to identify as yard birds, many are as colorful as warblers, some are as challenging as shorebirds, and all are every bit as varied and fun to watch as our Piedmont birds. This program will introduce birders to the basics of butterfly identification by using skills and techniques that we have developed for bird identification.

Bird of the Season: American Bittern

Saturday, March 21, 2009

Field Trip: Greensboro Lakes. Meet at 9 a.m. Contact the leader for location. Ducks, geese, grebes, mergansers, and gulls are our target birds on this tour of the lake overlooks. Dress warmly and bring something hot to drink; the wind off the lakes can be chilling. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. No walking. Leader: Henry Link; 273-4672, linkh@bellsouth.net

Saturday, March 28, 2009

Field Trip: Northeast Park. We will look for spring wildflowers and early migrants. Our destination is one of Guilford County's newest parks, featuring eight miles of hiking and mountain biking trails in addition to seven miles of horse trails and the Reedy Fork Paddle Trail. For this trip, we'll be hiking trails that overlook Reedy Fork Creek and Buffalo Creek. The trails are moderately difficult with several uphill and downhill sections that meander through woods along the creeks and skirt the edge of a

field with shrubby growth and young trees. Wear sturdy shoes; bring water and a snack, binoculars, and field guides for wildflowers, birds, fungi, or butterflies, depending on your interests. This is a joint trip with TGP Audubon. Leader: Ann Walter-Fromson; 299-9494, annwf7@gmail.com

Saturday, April 4, 2009

Earth Day KCEF Library. If you would like to help with the PBC exhibit, please contact Emily Tyler; 375-5770, ettyler@triad.rr.com

Field Trip: Whitacre Farm. We will visit the Whitacre's farm in the Bunch Rd. area of Guilford Co. for an easy walk to look for late winter and early spring birds. If time allows, we also may visit one of the lakes to look for waterfowl. Leaders: Carolyn & Don Allen; 288-3045, texallen@aol.com

Friday - Monday, April 10-12, 2009

Field Trip: Easter Weekend - Huntington Beach State Park and environs, SC. We will look for shorebirds and Neotropical migrants. Leader: Ron Morris; 294-7631, rmorris1125@triad.rr.com

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Meeting: Bluebirds in North Carolina. Bill Abbey, North Carolina Bluebird Society, and Songbird Habitat Coordinator, Tanglewood Park. This presentation will open with a discussion of some of the challenges that nesting Bluebirds face in our area, such as common predators, typical competitors, etc. Questions will be encouraged! After the discussion, Bill will show a video entitled "Inside the Nestbox," produced by the NC Bluebird Society

Bird of the Season: Yellow-crowned Night-Heron, by Anne Howard Millican

Saturday, April 18, 2009

Field Trip: Mason Farm, Chapel Hill. This is a joint trip with TGP Audubon. Leader: Craig Lawrence, 460-7924, craig.carolina@gmail.com

Saturday, April 25, 2009

Field Trip: Randolph County for spring migrants. We will travel about 45 minutes south (from Greensboro) to the rural Randolph Co. home of member Jane Lewis to explore the forest, fields and ponds. This is a joint field trip with TGPAS. Leader: Jane Lewis; 460-0986, jane_lewis@vfc.com

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Spring Bird Count. Teams will count birds in assigned areas within the designated 15-mile circle. Some teams need new counters for all or part of the day, and new birders are welcome. Mostly riding or mostly walking, depending on team assignment. Bring a hot drink and binoculars; dress for weather. The tally is the following afternoon at 2 p.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Compiler: Herb Hendrickson; Assignments Coordinator: Elizabeth Link; 273-4672, baddoqi@yahoo.com

Calendar

Reminder: If you are interested in going on a field trip, always contact the trip leader prior to the trip. That way you will be informed of last minute changes or cancellations, or the leader may need to modify plans according to the number of attendees.

Programs (unless otherwise noted) are at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month, October -- April, at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library, 1420 Price Park Road, Greensboro. Some members will be present at 6:30, for a chance to have informal meetings and/or socialize before the program.

Saturday, February 7, 2009

Field Trip: The Piedmont Environmental Center offers a variety of habitats. Birders can walk through hardwood forests, over wetland boardwalks, along the marsh or lake edge, or in the open meadow areas. Species of interest are Great Horned Owl and Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Meet at 8:30 at the parking area by the Center's main building. Wear winter clothing; boots are recommended. Trip Leader: Ron Morris; 294-7631, morris1125@triad.rr.com

Friday - Monday, February 13 -16, 2009

Great Backyard Bird Count. Join in this important bird conservation effort of data collection. For more info go to:

<http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc/>

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009

Field Trip: Randleman Reservoir. During this half-day trip we will explore various sites that overlook Randleman Reservoir in southern Guilford County and northern Randolph County. In this lightly birded area, we will search for waterfowl on the lake and typical winter birds in surrounding fields and woodlands. It is likely to be cold so dress warmly and bring a hot drink. Bring a spotting scope if you have one. There will be little walking. We will carpool from our point of departure, leaving at 8:00 a.m. The location will be announced at a later date. Leader: George Wheaton; 336-540-8953(h), 336-392-3652(c), gcwheaton@earthlink.net

Thursday, February 19, 2009

Meeting: Birding By Ear, Part II. Lynn Moseley, Professor of Biology, Guilford College. This program is designed as the second of a two-part presentation about bird song planned in conjunction with the T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon chapter. Part I, on introductory bird song identification, will take place at the Audubon workshop on February 15. Part II will present tips for learning some of the more difficult and easily-confused songs of species in our area. We'll end with the popular quiz, "Name That Tune!"

Bird of the Season: Great Egret

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