



# Great Backyard Bird Count by the American Heritage Girl Scout Troop, with the Piedmont Bird Club Members, 17 February 2024

*submitted by Jim Gant and Stella Wear*

**Trip Coordinator(s):** Stella Wear

**Location:** The Bog Garden, 1101 Hobbs Road, Greensboro, NC

**Temperature:** 30's – 40's with a wind chill

**Weather:** Partly Cloudy, breezy

**Target Bird(s), if any:**

**Number of participants:** 30

**Bird List:** Canada Geese, Mallards, Ring-necked Ducks, Hooded Mergansers, Double-crested Cormorants, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawks, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Downy Woodpecker, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned Kinglet, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, American Robin, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Northern Cardinal; for a total of 23 species.

**Comments: (such as, notable birds seen, interesting bird or animal behavior, condition of the birding site, participant comments):**

Members of the Piedmont bird Club assisted the American heritage Girl Scout Troop on a Great Backyard Bird Count adventure at the Bog Garden in Greensboro, NC. The Girl Scouts and parents met at the Bog Garden entrance. There they were greeted and given an overview of what we would do today by Stella Wear. Stella also showed the Girl Scouts several pictures of the birds we might see today during the count, and some identifying information about each bird. After the Orientation the Girl Scouts were divided into 3 groups, one led by Stella, one by Lyn McCoy, and one by Jim Gant. Each group moved down one of the trails looking and listening for birds along the way. Also, each group stopped by the Observation Deck overlooking the lake where Tom Wear had set up his Spotting Scope to see what birds may be out on the water. Each group was treated to a view of about 12 Hooded Mergansers and approximately 40 Ring-necked Ducks. Each Group then moved along trails to return to the garden entrance. After completing the count, we did a species and numbers review before submitting our eBird Checklist. A cold but successful day.

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**Bird Photos**

Since we were not able to take any photos today, we are providing some reference photos of the birds we saw and heard on our count today from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.



Canada Goose



Mallard



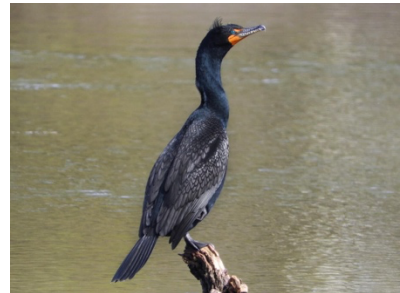
Ring-necked Duck



Hooded Merganser, male



Hooded Merganser, female



Double-crested Cormorant



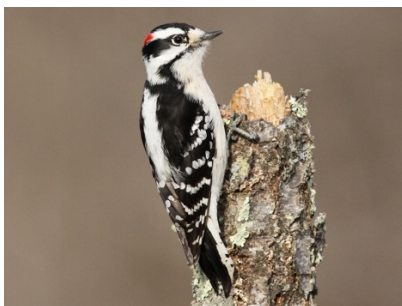
Turkey Vulture



Red-shouldered Hawk



Red-bellied Woodpecker



Downy Woodpecker



American Crow



Carolina Chickadee



Tufted Titmouse



Ruby-crowned Kinglet, pic by JG



Golden-crowned Kinglet, pic by JG



White-breasted Nuthatch



Carolina Wren



American Robin



Dark-eyed Junco



White-throated Sparrow



Song Sparrow



Eastern Towhee



Yellow-rumped Warbler



Northern Cardinal