

Beginning Birder Workshop Report: How to get started Watching and Identifying Birds (Joint Activity with PBC and T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society)

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We had a great turnout of 35 folks for our Beginning Birder Workshop, titled "How to get started Watching and Identifying Birds," on Sunday afternoon, October 18.

This first of three workshops was an introduction to birds and birding beginning with a 45-minute indoor class, followed by bird identification practice outdoors. It was conducted by Dennis Burnette. We had several experienced birders on hand who served as mentors to answer questions and give practical tips. Thanks to Lynn Burnette, Sue Cole, Sarah Gilley, Judy Hoag, Craig Lawrence, and Ann Walter-Fromson for sharing their knowledge with our new birders.

This series of beginning birder workshops is co-sponsored by the T. Gilbert Pearson (Guilford County) Audubon Society and the Piedmont Bird Club. In addition to members of those two groups, the general public is invited to attend the next two workshops. The level is suitable for adults and older kids, so participants are welcome to bring family and friends.

The topic of each of these workshops will be different. A participant may attend one, two or all three and receive different material each time. Each workshop will involve a classroom presentation and discussion followed by about 45 minutes of practicing birding skills.

The next Beginning Birder Workshop, titled "Familiar Birds of Our Lawns and Parks," will be on Sunday afternoon, March 20, 2016 at 2:30-4:30. The final workshop in the series will be on Sunday, May 15, 2016, and is titled "Attracting Birds to Your Back Yard."

The workshops will be at the KCEF Branch Library, Price Park, 1420 Price Park Rd., Greensboro, NC 27410.