



Field Trip: Price Park, January 9, 2021

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The Piedmont Bird Club held an early, brisk bird walk around Price Park, searching for winter residents and also allowing for much needed communal discussion. *O. Henry Magazine* founding editor Jim Dodson joined the group to learn more about the special benefits of the club and to become better acquainted with Greensboro's birds.

Carolina Chickadees were first to make their presence known, and a Yellow-bellied Sapsucker mewed in the trees above the library. A White-throated Sparrow was spotted at eye level in a shrub, while a Belted Kingfisher rattled over the pond. In the scrub field below the library, Northern Cardinals chipped and Song Sparrows chimped. A Red-shouldered Hawk enjoyed early morning sun, high in a leafless tree.

As we walked up the rise to the northwest, a Swamp Sparrow appeared in the marshy area, and various other sparrows darted about, giving frustratingly brief looks. A Northern Flicker shot from cedar to pine, flashing yellow wings and white rump patch. Walking through the high grass, we found another Song Sparrow, which responded to pishing by perching atop a bent stalk. Cedar Waxwings, Yellow-rumped Warblers, and a Northern Mockingbird all feasted on the berries in the junipers along the park drive.

We crossed Hobbs Road to the north to check the small lake, which typically harbors some winter waterfowl. Diving ducks were well represented, with pairs of Hooded Mergansers and Buffleheads and dozens of Ruddy Ducks. Walking back along the trail, we heard a distant Red-breasted Nuthatch tooting away, and an Eastern Phoebe popped out to see what all the fuss was about.



Cedar Waxwings by Matt Wangerin



Yellow-rumped Warbler by Jim Gant



Ruddy Duck by Jim Gant

Species List

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| Mallard | Golden-crowned Kinglet |
| Bufflehead | Ruby-crowned Kinglet |
| Hooded Merganser | Red-breasted Nuthatch |
| Ruddy Duck | Carolina Wren |
| Mourning Dove | European Starling |
| Turkey Vulture | Brown Thrasher |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | Northern Mockingbird |
| Belted Kingfisher | Eastern Bluebird |
| Yellow-bellied Sapsucker | American Robin |
| Red-bellied Woodpecker | Cedar Waxwing |
| Downy Woodpecker | Purple Finch |
| Northern Flicker | American Goldfinch |
| Eastern Phoebe | Field Sparrow |
| Blue Jay | Dark-eyed Junco |
| American Crow | White-throated Sparrow |
| Carolina Chickadee | Song Sparrow |
| Tufted Titmouse | Swamp Sparrow |
| | Yellow-rumped Warbler |
| | Northern Cardinal |