



Howerton Road Field Trip, October 27

submitted by Marty Wall

On Sunday, October 27, four members of the Piedmont Bird Club met at The Guilford County Farm on Howerton Road. In attendance were Roberta Newton, Ann Van Sant, Paul Sumner, and Marty Wall. Our target birds for the day were sparrows; we ended up with eight species, plus Eastern Towhee. The best sparrows were a Grasshopper Sparrow around the pond and an adult White-crowned Sparrow along Baldwin Road later in the outing. Other nice birds for the day were Northern Harrier (a probable at Howerton Rd and one at Baldwin Rd), Red-headed Woodpecker, Loggerhead Shrike, and three warbler species. We had to look hard for good birds at this usually birdy spot. The weather was heavily overcast at the beginning, with a brief shower, then breezy. We ended the morning with 42 species.

Species List

Mourning Dove	Downy Woodpecker	Blue Jay	Cedar Waxwing
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Hairy Woodpecker	American Crow	Black-and-white Warbler
Chimney Swift	Pileated Woodpecker	Carolina Chickadee	American Redstart
Killdeer	Northern Flicker	Tufted Titmouse	Northern Parula
Solitary Sandpiper	Eastern Wood-Pewee	White-breasted Nuthatch	Magnolia Warbler
Great Blue Heron	Acadian Flycatcher	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Blackburnian Warbler
Cooper's Hawk	Eastern Phoebe	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Chestnut-sided Warbler
Red-shouldered Hawk	White-eyed Vireo	Carolina Wren	Pine Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Yellow Throated Vireo	Gray Catbird	Scarlet Tanager
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Blue-headed Vireo	Eastern Bluebird	Northern Cardinal
	Philadelphia Vireo	Swainson's Thrush	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
	Red-eyed Vireo	American Robin	