



Young Birders Club Meetings, November 17 & December 12, 2019

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A group of 10 middle school and young high school kids participated in the second meeting of our new Piedmont Young Birders Club on **Sunday afternoon, November 17**, for a fun afternoon of indoor activities and outdoor birding. We met in the classroom at the Greensboro Arboretum.

Indoor activities included a 20-questions icebreaker in which everyone, adults included, had to guess the identity of the bird picture on their backs by circulating around the room and asking people questions. In addition, the group had a lot of fun competing in teams to answer questions in several categories of a game called "Jeop-birdy."

The group spent the next 45 minutes or so birding outdoors in the arboretum. Several people, including some of the adults, saw some bird species for the first time in their lives. Best bird? Blue-headed Vireo seen very well.



The young birders group is co-sponsored and organized by Piedmont Bird Club and T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society. These organizations provided binoculars and field guides to loan, as well as snacks.

Adults from both groups were on hand to help the young folks find and identify birds including Dennis Burnette, Sue Cole, Megan Damico, Ann Walter-Fromson, Stella Wear, and Tom Wear. Several parents also stayed and participated both in the games and on the bird walk.

On Sunday afternoon Dec. 15, the new Piedmont Young Birders Club had their third meeting. They met again at the Greensboro Arboretum. Six students were in attendance. Melanie Buckingham had brought iPods for each student, and they were able to connect to the Arboretum classroom's wireless. The students enjoyed using the Merlin Bird Identification application using this connection. Following the classroom portion of the meeting, everyone went outside to do some birding. In addition to Melanie Buckingham, Ann Walter-Fromson and Ann Steighner were among the adult volunteers this time.