



Piedmont Young Birders Walk the Osprey Trail, June 26, 2021

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The Piedmont Young Birders got to have our birding walk at the Osprey Trail. It is part of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail and tracks along the southern shore of Lake Townsend between North Church and Yanceyville Streets. The weather was a little overcast, but sunny and not too hot.

We spotted an Osprey at the top of a tower about 10 minutes into our hike, which was very exciting! We also got to view an Osprey nest previously in use. We heard a Common Yellowthroat and learned to identify an Eastern Towhee and a Carolina Wren by song. A few people showed us the new version of the Merlin app and how to ID a bird using just the song/call.

We walked about 1.6 miles and together saw 17 bird species. Overall, it was a great walk, and I'm excited to participate in the next one! Anyone interested should check out the Osprey Trail in the future!



photo by Lynn Allison

Species List

Mourning Dove (*Zenaida macroura*)
Chimney Swift (*Chaetura pelagica*)
Great Blue Heron (*Ardea Herodias*)
Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*)
Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)
Eastern Wood-Pewee (*Contopus virens*)
Red-eyed Vireo (*Vireo olivaceus*)

American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)
Tufted Titmouse (*Baeolophus bicolor*)
Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*)
Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*)
Northern Mockingbird (*Mimus polyglottos*)
American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*)
Eastern Towhee (*Pipilo erythrophthalmus*)
Common Yellowthroat (*Geothlypis trichas*)
Pine Warbler (*Setophaga pinus*)