



Piedmont Birders Walk at the Richardson–Taylor Preserve, July 24, 2021

submitted by Stella Wear

On July 24, 2021, the Piedmont Young Birders chose the Red-headed Woodpecker as the target bird. The birders were not disappointed. Several of these birds were visible on tree snags or flying from snag to snag in the marsh area near the Boy Scout overlook and along the trail that is near the marsh area. The day turned out to be an excellent day for seeing and hearing woodpeckers. In addition to the Red-headed Woodpecker sightings, a Pileated called as it flew from snag to snag across the marsh. The challenge for several birders was getting a photo of it during that fast flight. And a Red-bellied Woodpecker entertained everyone by flying back and forth to its nest hole to feed a young woodpecker. This nest hole is in a dead tree near the Boy Scout Overlook and a view through a scope is best to see the young bird.

The walk was attended by two youths, two parents, and five volunteers from PBC and TGPAS. Overall, an excellent day for a birding walk along this trail.



PYB & company by Melanie Buckingham



on the trail by Lynn Allison



at the Boy Scout overlook by Lynn Allison

Species List

Brown-headed Nuthatch
American Crow
Pileated Woodpecker
Eastern Towhee
American Goldfinch
Carolina Wren

Blue Jay
Great Egret
Common Yellowthroat
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Red-eyed Vireo
White-eyed Vireo

Red-headed Woodpecker
Eastern Bluebird
Northern Cardinal
Turkey Vulture
Mallard
Canada Goose
Great Blue Heron