



Piedmont Young Birders Visit Audubon Natural Area (ANA), September 25, 2021

submitted by Jim Eldrett

Saturday morning, September 25, saw a nice turnout for the monthly Piedmont Young Birders outing. The site chosen this time was the Audubon Natural Area on Tankersley Drive in Greensboro. The youths were very enthusiastic and curious, being the first to spot several birds as we strolled the trails through woodland, meadow, and along the creek.

The number of species seen was a very respectable 32, with a monarch butterfly thrown in for good measure. According to Dennis Burnette, monarchs have been scarce in our area as of late—the population has declined by 80% in the last two decades—as the species continues its struggle to recover from habitat loss throughout North America.



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Species List

- 1 White-eyed Vireo
- 1 Turkey Vulture
- 6 Canada Goose
- 4 Mallard
- 2 Mourning Dove
- 4 Chimney Swift
- 1 Ruby-throated Hummingbird
- 4 Red-shouldered Hawk
- 1 Red-tailed Hawk
- 5 Red-bellied Woodpecker
- 3 Downy Woodpecker
- 2 Northern Flicker
- 3 Eastern Wood-Pewee
- 1 Eastern Phoebe
- 1 Great Crested Flycatcher
- 3 Red-eyed Vireo
- 5 Blue Jay

- 5 American Crow
- 5 Carolina Chickadee
- 2 Tufted Titmouse
- 1 Brown-headed Nuthatch
- 11 Carolina Wren
- 4 European Starling
- 3 Gray Catbird
- 1 Brown Thrasher
- 1 Veery*
- 6 American Robin
- 7 American Goldfinch
- 1 American Redstart
- 1 Magnolia Warbler
- 9 Northern Cardinal
- 1 Common Yellowthroat

* (Veery came up by sound ID on Merlin. Amy told Jim E. that they have been seen here previously.)



15 participants: 3 youths, 3 parents, and 9 volunteers from PBC and TGPAS. The two youth families were first timers.

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