



T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Natural Area, 6 September 2025

submitted by Jim Gant

Trip Coordinator(s): Jim Gant (substituting for Jim Eldrett)

Location: T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Natural Area, 111 Tankersley Drive, 27405

Temperature: 70's

Weather: Partly Cloudy

Target Bird(s), if any: Migrants

Number of participants: 2

Bird List: Mourning Dove, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, White-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Carolina Wren, European Starling, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, American Robin, American Goldfinch, Northern Waterthrush, Pine Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Indigo Bunting; for a total of **19 species**.

Comments: (such as, notable birds seen, interesting bird or animal behavior, condition of the birding site, participant comments):

The morning was warmer than the previous few days, and more humid as well. The birds were somewhat vocal. As this is now after the breeding season, some species are a little vocal while others were not. These were spotted by movement only. There is some trail maintenance still being accomplished so we did not go through the trail that leads by the bat house. We also only walked a part of the trail along North Buffalo Creek as there is a tree down on the trail and the trail further down needs to be cut back. Because of the berries that are now available for the birds to eat, there were numerous American Robins, and at least 6 Brown Thrashers. Our best bird of the day was the Northern Waterthrush seen and heard along North Buffalo Creek. We did briefly get eyes on it. Merlin also assisted in identifying the Chip Calls it was making. We also saw several butterflies and some Soldier Beetles. More significantly on a trail section along the North Buffalo Creek, we saw a Praying Mantis. We have a photo. We were not sure if this was a native version or an invasive that should be disposed of. Not knowing we left it along. In sending the photo to iNaturalist it was determined to be the invasive species. So, workers should be on the lookout for it and possibly others.,

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American Goldfinch



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Red-bellied Woodpecker



Brown Thrasher eating Porcelain Berries



Indigo Bunting, female



Red-spotted Purple Butterfly