



PBC Field Trip: Guilford County Farm; 26 August 2023

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Trip Coordinator(s): Jim Gant

Location: Guilford County Farm

Temperature: mid 70' - 80's

Weather: Partly cloudy to clear

Target Bird(s), if any: Any early migrants

Number of participants: 5

Bird List: Northern Bobwhite; Mourning Dove; Chimney Swift; Ruby-throated Hummingbird; Great Blue Heron; Green Heron; Black Vulture; Turkey Vulture; Northern Harrier; Cooper's Hawk; Red-shouldered Hawk; Red-tailed Hawk; Barred Owl; Belted Kingfisher; Red-headed Woodpecker; Pileated Woodpecker; Eastern Wood-Pewee; Eastern Phoebe; American Crow; Fish Crow; Tree Swallows; Barn Swallows; Cliff Swallows; Blue-gray Gnatcatcher; Carolina Wren; European Starling; Northern Mockingbird; Eastern Bluebird; American Goldfinch; Field Sparrow; Bobolink; Eastern Meadowlark; Brown-headed Cowbird; Common Yellowthroat; Yellow Warbler; Northern Cardinal; Blue Grosbeak; Indigo Bunting; for a total of 38 species.

Comments: (such as, notable birds seen, interesting bird or animal behavior, condition of the birding site, participant comments): For at least a week the groupings of Tree Swallows seems to be growing. Early in the morning there tends to be a large group of 50 +/- in trees, but the larger groupings will be on the telephone lines. Today, some started out in trees, and initially the largest grouping was on the telephone line along Howerton Road. However, they eventually merged into 2 large groups on the telephone lines on both Howerton Road and County Farm Road. It took a lot of searching in these groups, but mixed in were Barn Swallows and a lesser number of Cliff Swallows. Our best estimate was about 253 Tree Swallows, 34 Barn Swallows, and 10 Cliff Swallows. We also saw 5 Chimney Swifts. There has been a Least Flycatcher seen in the vicinity of the stream down past the Donkey Pens, but our group did not see it. We did see a Yellow Warbler in that same area. We saw a variety of hawks and 3 of the group got eyes on a Northern Harrier being mobbed by some crows. Despite it being hot we had a good Birding Day.

Guilford County Farm Bird Walk Trip Report Photos



This was the main group of Swallows, mostly Tree Swallows, but Included some Barn Swallows and Cliff Swallows



Green Heron



Great Blue Heron



Long range photo of a Belted Kingfisher



One of the several Hummingbirds we saw



Yellow Warbler



This is a Great Spangled Fritillary Butterfly