



Old Bynum Bridge, 23 September 2025

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Location: Old Bynum Bridge is off of Routes 15/501, northeast of Pittsboro, NC. Exit Routes 15/501 onto Durham Eubanks Road and follow that to a stop sign. Turn right onto Bynum Road, and a parking area is approximately 200 yards on the left.

Temperature: 70's

Weather: Partly Cloudy

Target Bird(s), if any: Migrants

Number of participants: 4

Bird List: Canada Goose, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Great Blue Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Osprey, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, White-eyed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Northern Mockingbird, Eastern Bluebird, Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal; for a total of 24 species.

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

We had excellent weather, a great day for a Bird Walk. With the various storms upriver including Tropical Storm Chantal a lot of flooding had occurred downstream including here at Old Bynum Bridge. Looking up and down river, one can see the very large tree and rock debris that has washed down. This may have affected the fish population in this area, upsetting the ecosystem, at least for a time. We normally see Ospreys and Bald Eagles fishing up and down the river. We did, however, see 1 Osprey. We also spoke with a fisherman, who said that due to the floods and the material washed downstream, fishing has not been very successful until just recently. He pointed to an area that due to the flow of the river during the floods, the river carved out a 20' deep area. Prior to this there were no areas that deep. Additionally, the meadow area isn't any more. The area has been clear cut, a few young trees have been planted, and a new restroom area has been built, making for a park area. All of the trees along the river remain. But where we had a meadow to see some birds previously, that has been removed. All in all however, we did have an excellent birding day.

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Great Blue Heron



Red-eyed Vireo



White-eyed Vireo



Eastern Wood-Pewee



Osprey



Osprey



Waterfalls upstream, with Canada Geese



Deer crossing the Haw River



Turtles enjoying the sun



Fisherman enjoying the Haw River