



## **Weymouth Woods, Sandhills Nature Preserve, 5 May 2026**

*submitted by Jim Gant*

**Trip Coordinator(s):** Jim Gant

**Location:** 1024 Fort Bragg Road, Southern Pines, North Carolina 28387

**Temperature:** 60' – low 80's

**Weather:** Sunny with some clouds

**Target Bird(s), if any:** Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, possibly Bachman's Sparrow, Migrants

**Number of participants:** 4

**Bird List:** Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Red-cockaded Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Great Crested Flycatcher, White-eyed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Carolina Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Wood Thrush, American Robin, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Chipping Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, Eastern Towhee, Yellow-breasted Chat, Brown-headed Cowbird, Black-and-white Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Northern Parula, Pine Warbler, Yellow-throated Warbler, Prairie Warbler, Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal; for a total of 40 species.

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

This was the second year, in recent times that the PBC has visited the Weymouth Woods Sandhill Nature Preserve. It was a beautiful day for a bird walk. Before we began our walk, we checked in with the Rangers at the front desk to see what the Red-cockaded Woodpeckers and possibly the Bachman's Sparrow had recently been seen. We also got a trail map. The birds were very vocal throughout the area. Although we were hoping to see Red-cockaded Woodpeckers feeding young birds at the nest, we did not see any nest feeding. However, we did see at least 8 Red-cockaded Woodpeckers feeding individually on various pine trees. We also did not see any Bachman's Sparrows. But despite this it was a great birding day. This site is definitely worth visiting again, next year.

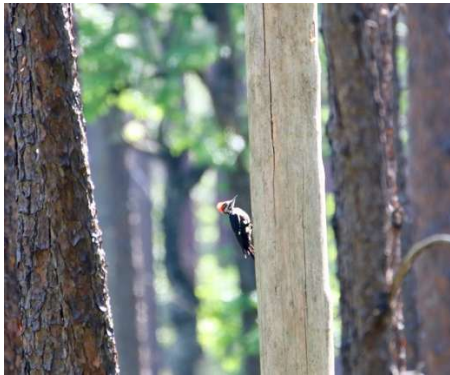
# Photos for the Weymouth Woods Sandhills Nature Preserve 5 May 2026



Summer Tanager



Pine Warbler



Pileated Woodpecker



Red-cockaded Woodpecker with  
silver and yellow leg bands



Red-cockaded Woodpecker with  
white and green leg bands



Red-cockaded Woodpecker with  
purple and white leg bands



Prairie Warbler, singing



Prairie Warbler, with nesting material



Red-shouldered Hawk



Black-and-white Warbler