



**White Street Landfill, Greensboro, NC; 14 January 2023**  
**This was a joint event with the Piedmont Bird Club and the**  
**T.G. Pearson Audubon Society**

*submitted by Lynn Mosley & Jim Gant*

**Trip Coordinator(s):** Lynn Mosley

**Location:** White Street Landfill, Greensboro, NC

**Temperature:** 30's

**Weather:** Clear and breezy

**Target Bird(s), if any:** Winter Birds

**Number of participants:** 20

**Bird List:** Canada Geese, Ring-neck Duck, Hooded Merganser, Rock Pigeon, Mourning Dove, Killdeer, Wilson's Snipe, Great Blue Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Red-tailed Hawk, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, American Kestrel, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Carolina Wren, European Starling, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, Eastern Bluebird, Hermit Thrush, American Robin, Cedar Waxwing, House Finch, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Eastern Meadowlark, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Northern Cardinal. Total of 40 species.

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

On a cold but calm winter morning, twenty people from T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon, the Piedmont Bird Club and friends spent three hours birding the White Street Landfill. Forty species of birds were recorded, including most of our target birds. We found one female American Kestrel (a low number for this species at this location) and were fortunate to see a female Northern Harrier, which favored us with a fly-by in two different areas. Unfortunately, the male harrier, known among birders as the "Gray Ghost" and a stunning raptor that had been observed at the landfill on the Christmas count, was not to be found.

Of special note on this day, in addition to the kestrel and harrier, were the following birds: 4 Red-tailed Hawks, 3 Wilson's Snipe, found in wet depressions on the top of "Mount Trashmore" exactly where they've been observed regularly in recent years, 25 Savannah Sparrows and 24 Eastern Meadowlarks, both of which frequent the extensive grassy fields maintained at the landfill, and several other species of wintering songbirds, including Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Swamp

Sparrow, and Yellow-rumped Warbler. Seventeen species of permanent-resident songbirds were seen during our visit as well.

The landfill provides habitat for a surprising variety of species, several of which are relatively uncommon in our area. We hope that any plans for potential changes to the property will include measures to preserve this valuable location.

