



Bird Walk, Price Park, 15 March 2023

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Trip Coordinator(s): Jim Gant

Location: Price Park

Temperature: Initially high 20's but warmed up to the high 40's

Weather: Partly Cloudy

Target Bird(s), if any: Current Birds Present

Number of participants: 4

Bird List: Canada Geese, Mallards, Hooded Mergansers (over at the water catch pond on Highwoods Trail), Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vultures, Red-shouldered Hawk, Belted Kingfisher (also seen at the Catch Pond on Highwoods Trail), Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jays, American Crows, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadees, Tufted Titmouse, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned Kinglet, Carolina Wren, Brown Thrasher (also seen on the Highwoods Trail), Northern Mockingbirds, Eastern Bluebirds, American Robins, American Goldfinches, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Eastern Towhees, Pine Warblers, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Northern Cardinal, and White-breasted Nuthatch; for a total of 28 species.

Comments: (such as, notable birds seen, interesting bird or animal behavior, condition of the birding site, participant comments): We had a brisk walk initially as the temps when we started were in the high 20's to low 30's, but it did warm up a bit. We initially started on the trail next to the Library and wraps behind it to the pond. We heard a number of birds and started to see them move about. As we got to the pond area we did hear and see a Belted Kingfisher as well as some Canada Geese and some Mallards. We were also serenaded by an Eastern Phoebe. We then moved down to the wetlands area. Again we heard a number of birds and saw Northern Cardinals, White-throated, and Song Sparrows. A few of us went over to the Highwoods Trail area across Hobbs Road; we went as far as the field area and the Catch Pond next to the shopping center. There we saw another Belted Kingfisher and some Hooded Mergansers on the pond. We had a pretty good day seeing and or hearing 28 species. I'll attach a few photos to this Trip report.

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Photos



Hooded Merganser, male



Hooded Mergansers, 1 male & 2 female



Belted Kingfisher



Carolina Wren

