

## Piedmont Bird Club The Big Sit - October 12, 2024

Saturday, October 12, 2024, was a lovely fall day. The weather was briskly chilly in the morning followed by sunshine and a warmer afternoon. The Piedmont Bird Club's Piedmont Pishers set up shop at 7:35 am at Greensboro's Bog Garden with the arrival of Lori and Scott Combs, followed shortly by Ann Van Sant and Roberta Newton.



The always reliable Northern Cardinals were the first greeters, followed by a Red-shouldered Hawk. An early and notable visitor was a Great Egret, which spent almost all day with us in a side pond area fishing and fishing. He was noticed excitedly by many of the people walking along the boardwalk.

A surprise was a Cedar Waxwing, not usually expected at the Bog Garden. Missing this year were a variety of ducks other than the large number of Mallards (both wild and domestic) who were all around us and very busy. A special visitor was an Acadian Flycatcher, a Big Sit first.

This fall has been full of Rose-breasted Grosbeak sightings all around Guilford County and The Big Sit had its share. We were treated to males, female and juvenile males hanging out from time to time.



A nice assortment of warblers made up for the lack of ducks. From year to year, we see a difference most often in the warblers versus ducks species present at the Bog Garden in October.



The Warblers included Bay-breasted, Black-throated Blue and Black and White (left to

right above)

This year's afternoon entertainer was a busy Belted Kingfisher who was located about 3/4ths the way to the other end of the bog.



Thanks to circle captains Ann Steighner, Stella and Tom Wear and Kelly Heath, as well as to other Piedmont Pishers who came by to help sight and identify birds. Lori and Scott Combs and Jim Gant win this year's 'longest sitters' award, spending all day tending our 17 foot circle.



Thanks as always to Ann Van Sant and Roberta Newton. They arrive early and leave last, bringing the white boards and markers and generally keeping us on track.

The Big Sit 2024 is in the record books. Another glorious day of birding and visiting.

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Northern Cardinal	Pileated Woodpecker
Red-shouldered Hawk	Bay Breasted Warbler
Great Egret	American Redstart
American Crow	House Finch
White-throated Sparrow	Rock Pigeon
White-breasted Nuthatch	Red-eyed Vireo
Fish Crow	Belted Kingfisher
Tufted Titmouse	Common Grackle
Downy Woodpecker	Red-winged Blackbird
American Robin	Gray-cheeked Thrush
Eastern Phoebe	Magnolia Warbler
Cedar Waxwing	Northern Parula
Blue Jay	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Mallard	Turkey Vulture
Mallard (domestic)	Black Vulture
Northern Flicker	Canada Goose
Great Blue Heron	Muscovy Duck (hybrid)
American Goldfinch	Pine Warbler
Song Sparrow	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Carolina Chickadee	Winter Wren
Golden-crowned Kinglet	
Acadian Flycatcher	
Eastern Towhee	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	
Mourning Dove	
Northern Mockingbird	
Eastern Bluebird	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	
Black and white Warbler	
Brown-headed Nuthatch	
Cape May Warbler	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	