



Mayo River State Park, Deshazo Mill Access, 23 April 2025

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Trip Coordinator(s): Jim Gant

Location: 113 Deshazo Road (off of Anglin Mill Road), Stoneville, NC 27048

Temperature: 50's – 60's

Weather: Clear skies

Target Bird(s), if any: Migrants

Number of participants: 5

Bird List: Canada Goose, Spotted Sandpiper, Turkey Vulture, Barred Owl, Downy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, White-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue-headed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Carolina Wren, American Robin, American Goldfinch, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Brown-headed Cowbird, Ovenbird, Northern Parula, Pine Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Indigo Bunting; for a total of **26 species**.

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

It was a beautiful day for a Bird Walk. The birds were active and vocal. As we walked the trail we came to a spot where we saw at least 5 birds engaged in what appeared to be territory defending behavior. It turned out that all 5 were Ovenbirds. While about 3 flew off still engaged in this behavior, we saw 2 gathering nest materials. In all on our walk we saw and or heard 9 different Ovenbirds. I've not seen such a high number in any area before. We saw a Yellow-throated Vireo and some Spotted Sandpipers out on the Mayo River. All in all, an excellent day.

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Yellow-throated Vireo



1 of 2 Ovenbirds gathering nesting material



2d Ovenbird gathering nesting material



Spotted Sandpiper



Downy Woodpecker



Red-eyed Vireo