



Audubon Natural Area, 20 May 2025

submitted by Jim Gant

Trip Coordinator(s): Jim Eldrett (Jim Gant substituting for Jim E)

Location: 111 Tankersley Drive, 27405

Temperature: 50's to high 60's

Weather: Mostly clear skies

Target Bird(s), if any: Migrants

Number of participants: 5

Bird List: Mallard, Mourning Dove, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Black Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, White-eyed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Tufted Titmouse, Tree Swallow, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, European Starling, Northern Mockingbird, Swainson's Thrush, Cedar Waxwing, House Finch, Eastern Towhee, Brown-headed Cowbird, Pine Warbler, Summer Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting; for a total of **29 species**.

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

We had excellent weather and although the birds were not very vocal at first, they gradually got more active and vocal. Everyone did an excellent job in seeing, hearing and identifying the birds. Our highlight was to watch a flock of approximately 30 Cedar Waxwings feed on several treetops. We also saw a pair of Red-shouldered Hawks. Although they were being mobbed by American Crows, their behavior might have indicated a possible nest in the Audubon Natural Area. Although I'm not an expert on butterflies, I believe we saw a Cabbage White, and a Spring Azure. Please see photos. All in all, an excellent day.

Trip Report Audubon Natural Area Photos, 5/20/25



Eastern Kingbird



Great Crested Flycatcher (it decided to look the other way instead of getting its photo taken)



Blue Grosbeak



Cedar Waxwing



Mallards



Cabbage White



Spring Azure