



Africa Lakes, North Carolina Zoo; 24 May 2025

submitted by Jim Gant

Trip Coordinator(s): Grace Sigmon was our NC Zoo Guide, Jim Gant assisted

Location: Africa Lakes, Hippo Beach area, North Carolina Zoo

Temperature: 50's to 70's

Weather: partly cloudy

Target Bird(s), if any: Migrants

Number of participants: 4

Bird List: Spotted Sandpiper, Green Heron, Great Blue Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Phoebe, Great Crested Flycatcher, White-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Blue Gray Gnatcatcher, Carolina Wren, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, Eastern Bluebird, American Goldfinch, Chipping Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Orchard Oriole, Common Grackle, Common Yellowthroat, Summer Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Indigo Bunting, for a total of 30 species.

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

We had awesome weather, and the birds were slow to start, but became more vocal as the day went on. Our group did well in spotting and identifying birds. Seeing the Orchard Oriole was the highlight of this trip. We also enjoyed seeing the Spotted Sandpipers, the "Vulture" Tree, and some of the Dragonflies. All in all, a great day and everyone's participation made it a great time. We especially want to thank Grace Sigmon our Guide from the North Carolina Zoo, who has guided us on all of our trips. Grace made all of them a great experience. This was our last trip to the NC Zoo for this season. We look forward to having some trips with the NC Zoo in our 2025-2026 season.

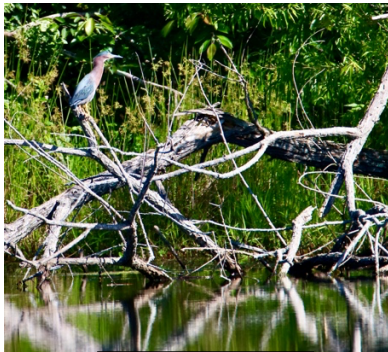
Africa Lakes, NC Zoo Trip 24 May 2025 Photos



Great Blue Heron



Blue-gray Gnatcatcher



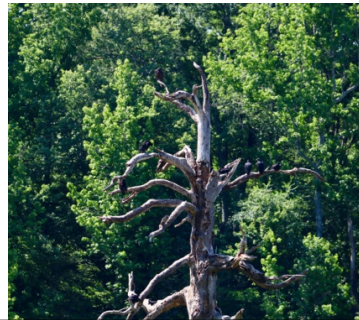
Green Heron



Great Crested Flycatcher



Spotted Sandpiper



Vulture Tree with about 8 Vultures



Brown Thrasher



White-eyed Vireo



Eastern Pondhawk, female,
the males are blue



I think these are a Banded Pennants

