



Beginners Bird Walk, August 6, 2022

submitted by Jim Gant

Trip Coordinator(s): Dennis Burnette and Jim Gant

Location: The Bog Garden; 1101 Hobbs Road at Starmount Farms Drive

Temperature: Low 80's

Weather: Cloudy and humid, minimal breeze

Target Bird(s), if any: Birds normally seen this time of year

Number of participants: Dennis, Jim, Lynn Burnette, Tom & Stella Wear, Lynn Allison, Linda Hayes an 18 participants for a total of 25.

Bird List: Although for this trip we did not keep a master list as we were focusing on the characteristics of how to identify birds using size, shape, colors, sounds and markings. However, the following were seen or heard by participants: Northern Cardinals (male and female), Blue Jays, American Crows, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Gray Catbirds, Eastern Towhees, Mallards, Domestic Ducks, Great Blue Herons, Eastern Bluebirds, American Goldfinches, Carolina Wrens, Chimney Swift, Brown Thrasher, Belted Kingfisher, Downy Woodpecker, and a Great Crested Flycatcher.

Comments: After initially meeting in the parking area we moved across the street to the Bog Garden. There, Dennis covered some of the basics in identifying birds with the participants. After that, the participants broke into 2 groups so that the smaller groups would have a better chance to see birds and hear those guiding the groups. Both groups covered the same routes and had the opportunity to spend some time at the lake area. In the end the general comments from participants were that they learned a lot and enjoyed the walk. A special thanks to Lynn Burnette, Tom & Stella Wear, Lynn Allison, and Linda Hayes for their assistance in helping the participants see, hear, and identify birds this morning.