

Beginning Birder Workshop: How to Attract Birds to our Gardens and Feeders

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On Sunday afternoon, April 23, the Piedmont Bird Club and T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society held the third and final beginning birder workshop of the year at the KCE Family Branch Library in Price Park.

The topic, "How to Attract Birds to Our Gardens and Feeders," focused on bird food, bird feeders, and bird friendly plants in our home landscapes.

The presenter was Dennis Burnette, who is past president of TGPAS and a current member of the TGPAS board, past president of Piedmont Bird Club, and a past vice president of the Carolina Bird Club.



*Tufted Titmouse
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The topic of each of these workshops has been different for each session. The workshops included a 45-minute classroom presentation and discussion. In the first two workshops, that was followed by about 45 minutes outside to practice skills.

Unfortunately, the weather didn't cooperate this time so we stayed dry inside and discussed issues and questions about bird feeding. Thanks go to Lynn Allison, Lynn Burnette, Jim Eldrett, and Judy Hoag who were on hand as mentors to help answer the questions.

Thanks also to Jim Eldrett for filling the bird feeders around the library so that they would attract birds while we were there. We finished the workshop by staying indoors and watching one of the feeders he filled through the large window at the west end of the library as birds came in for a bite to eat during the rain.

This event was cosponsored by the Piedmont Bird Club and TGPAS. Members of the general public were invited to attend, as well, through our advertising in the library newsletter and the *Greensboro News & Record*.