



October Big Day 2020, October 17, 2020

submitted by Roberta Newton



Blue-headed Vireo by Matt Wangerin



Song Sparrow by Ann Van Sant

October 17, 2020, was the biggest day in birding history, breaking the world record for the most species reported in a single day!

Many thanks to Piedmont Bird Club members who did their part as citizen scientists. The data are used, for example, to study the abundance of species and to track migration patterns. Photos and sound recordings are submitted to the MacCauley library to strengthen Merlin ID, the free bird app.

In Guilford County, NC:

Participants submitting one or more checklists: 24

Completed checklists: 47

Species: 89

Worldwide:

Participants: 32,239

Checklists: 77,967

Countries: 168

Species: 7097

To see breakdowns of the data by country, visit <https://ebird.org/news/october-big-day-2020-a-global-birding-phenomenon>



Scarlet Tanager by Matt Wangerin