Hines Chapel Preserve, 11 September 2026

submitted by Jim Gant

Trip Coordinator(s): Jim Gant

Location: Hines Chapel Preserve, 4465 Hines Chapel Road, McLeansville, NC

Temperature: high 70's thru high 80's

Weather: Partly cloudy

Target Bird(s), if any: Migrants

Number of participants: 3

Bird List: Mourning Dove, Chimney Swift, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Least Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, White-eyed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Yellow-throated Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, White-breasted Nuthatch, Carolina Wren, Gray Catbird, American Robin, American Goldfinch, Eastern Towhee, Comon Yellowthroat, Northern Parula, Magnolia Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Summer Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting, for a total of 33 species.

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

It was a hot day with high humidity and heat index, however most of the trail was in the shade and the occasional light breeze helped cool us off. As we're in the Fall Migration, many of the bird species are not calling at all or certainly not frequently. So, we had to continuously look for motion in the upper canopy. As we approached an area, about 30-40 yards from returning to the trail head we saw a number of birds moving some frequently while feeding. It was in this area that we saw the Least Flycatcher, and the Chestnut-sided Warbler. An awesome ending to our Bird Walk.

Photos for Hines Chapel Preserve 11 September 2026

Red-bellied Woodpecker

Northern Parula

Summer Tanager, photo by Ashley Barret

Least Flycatcher, photo by Ashley Barret

Chestnut-sided Warbler

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, photo by Ashley Barret

Red-eyed Vireo, photo by Ashley Barret

Monarch Butterfly

Eastern-tiger Swallowtail

One of several spider webs, with little red spider

Bird Walk participants: Andrea Sweat, Ashley Barret, Jim Gant
photo by Andrea Sweat