Guilford County Farm, Trip Report, 14 October 2026

submitted by Jim Gant

Trip Coordinator(s): Jim Gant

Location: 7315 Howerton Road, Elon, NC

Temperature: 60's – 80's

Weather: Clear and warm

Target Bird(s), if any: Migrants

Number of participants: 8

Bird List: Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Chimney Swift, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Blue Heron, Turkey Vulture, Belted Kingfisher, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, American Kestrel, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Tree Swallow, Carolina Wren, European Starling, Northern Mockingbird, Eastern Bluebird, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Chipping Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Bobolink, Eastern Meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Common Yellowthroat, Cape May Warbler, Palm Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Northern Cardinal, Blue Grosbeak, Indigo Bunting; for a total of 36 species.

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

It was an excellent day for a Bird Walk. The weather was clear and cool at the start, but it rapidly warmed up. Along the fences east of the lake, we saw quite a bit of sparrow activity. However, due to their rapid movement we could not identify them all. But we did identify several. As we worked our way down Howerton Road to south of the lake we did see some warblers. As we were a little past the lake, we saw a bird out in the field feeding on Pokeberries. As it was some distance away, it was a challenge to identify. However, we were finally able to get a good photo of it, and we were able to identify as a Bobolink. That was a prize. Later as we were east on Howerton Road, down by the stream, we also saw a Blue Grosbeak and an Indigo Bunting. All in all, a great day.

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White-crowned Sparrow

Palm Warbler

Cape May Warbler hunting a bug

Bobolink

Savannah Sparrow

American Kestrel