



Guilford County Farm, November 5, 2022

submitted by Jim Gant

Trip Coordinator: Jim Gant

Location: Guilford County Farm

Temperature: 50's – 60's

Weather: It had rained earlier in the morning before we started. Initially it was misty with some fog and heavy overcast. However, it improved and got lighter, with the sun occasionally popping out as we wrapped up, but the wind picked up significantly.



American Kestrel

Target Birds: Say's Phoebe, Sora, Sparrows and any migrants that may still be passing through

Number of participants: Total of 4, Jim Gant, Anna Craft, Marion Gamble, and Tom Gaffney

Bird List: Canada Geese; Sora; Killdeer; Black Vultures; Turkey Vultures; Northern Harrier; Red-shouldered Hawks; Red-tailed Hawk; Red-headed Woodpeckers; Red-bellied Woodpeckers; Downy Woodpeckers; American Kestrel; Eastern Phoebes; Blue Jays; American Crows; Carolina Chickadees; Carolina Wrens; European Starlings; Brown Thrashers; Northern Mockingbirds; Eastern Bluebirds; American Goldfinches; White-throated Sparrows; Song Sparrows; Swamp Sparrow; Eastern Meadowlarks; Northern Cardinals; for a total of 27 species.

Comments: (such as, notable birds seen, interesting bird or animal behavior, condition of the birding site, participant comments): Despite the possibility of rain (which did not happen) and heavy overcast which reduced our ability to clearly identify a number of the Sparrows and other smaller birds, we did pretty well. Regrettably we did not get to see the Say's Phoebe even though others had seen it earlier that morning. 3 of our group did hear the Sora make 3 calls, which was exciting. We had seen a Northern Harrier off and on soaring low over the fields across from the parking area, but with the weather conditions it was very difficult to see the colors and make out some of its features. However as we were wrapping up Tom actually flushed the Northern Harrier that had been sitting in a low bush, on the far side of the pond but near the road. Anna and I saw that and we were able to see its colors and features and follow it as it soared low over those fields until it came to rest in another low tree. All in all a good Bird Walk.



Swamp Sparrow



Eastern Phoebe



Song Sparrow