



Pollinator Day, June 25, 2022

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The Guilford County Master Gardener volunteers celebrated Pollinator Day on Saturday, June 25th, and the Piedmont Bird Club was invited to participate. Anne Presnell and Roberta Newton interacted with over 110 adults and children. The information below describes two purposes of the exhibit, as well as to share information to PBC members who may wish to exhibit at future Pollinator Day events.

One purpose of our exhibit was to highlight Ornithophily, which is the study of pollination of flowering plants by birds. Two species of birds that most frequently participate in pollination in this area are the hummingbird and oriole. The hummingbird is key in wildflower pollination and the Orchard Oriole pollinates orchards in spring. To the delight of several participants, we pointed out a hummingbird flying in the area.

A second purpose was to highlight the Piedmont Bird Club. To meet this purpose, we chose to focus on identifying several species of birds and their needs. Our exhibit included a trifold poster demonstrating how food, shelter, and water are critical for the survival of birds. We also exhibited several bird nests. Both adults and children were amazed at the small size of the hummingbird nest, and they enjoyed looking at eggs in the other nests. Additionally, the children were delighted to have coloring sheets of birds.

We were pleased that several adults requested our PBC brochure so they could join the club. We were also pleased that several Master Gardener volunteers stopped by to mention that they had joined the PBC during the pandemic. This is a great way for the Master Gardener volunteers to integrate their knowledge about plants with helping the bird population. In all, we believe this was an extremely successful day for the PBC and that we will be invited to attend future Pollinator Days.



Anne Presnell, left, and Robert Newton