



Piedmont Young Birders visit ANA, December 12, 2020

submitted by Stella Wear

On December 12, Amy Hanson led the Piedmont Young Birders on their monthly walk at the T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Natural Area (ANA). After a brief introduction which included some historical information about the area, Amy led the group on a winding trip to hunt for some special birds that had recently been spotted in the area. A highlight and a life bird for one of the young birders was a Brown Creeper. Other highlights were four species of woodpeckers and two species of nuthatches. After the walk, the list of species was reviewed and entered in the log book. The log book for visitor remarks is in an attractive wooden stand, the newest scout project at the ANA.

This was the first time that the participants had visited this area, which has just recently been listed as a birding hotspot on *eBird*. One of the volunteers said that she lives nearby and did not even know that this special gem was here to explore.



photo by Melanie Buckingham



Brown Creeper

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Species list:

Mourning Dove
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Blue Jay
American Crow
crow sp.
Carolina Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Red-breasted Nuthatch
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown Creeper
Carolina Wren
European Starling
Brown Thrasher
Northern Mockingbird
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin

Purple Finch
American Goldfinch
Dark-eyed Junco
White-throated Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Eastern Towhee
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Northern Cardinal