



Piedmont Young Birders October Walk, October 25, 2020

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On October 25, 2020, the rainy weather did not stop the Piedmont Young Birders. Attendance was excellent. There were 16 participants: 8 youths, 3 parents, and 5 volunteer leaders.

The 5:00 p.m. walk was on a section of the Bicentennial Greenway that joins Drawbridge Parkway to Horse Pen Creek Road. This was the first time that the monthly walks have been held in the afternoon.

Matt Wangerin joined the group as guest leader to share his birding-by-ear skills. He showed how playing a recording of an Eastern Screech Owl mobbed by Carolina Chickadees will attract many interested species. The three favorite species of the day were Hermit Thrush, Black-throated Blue Warbler, and an unidentified large bird that we thought might have been a Barred Owl. Twenty-eight species were heard or seen. At the close of the walk, the data was recorded on eBird, another new experience for the monthly walks.

Species List

Canada Goose Mallard
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
Eastern Phoebe
Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee

Tufted Titmouse
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
European Starling
Gray Catbird
Northern Mockingbird
Eastern Bluebird
Hermit Thrush
American Robin
House Finch

American Goldfinch
Field Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Eastern Towhee
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Pine Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Northern Cardinal