

Randolph County Preserve May 7, 2017

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Trip Leader: Craig Lawrence*

From time to time certain members in the Piedmont Bird Club “go the extra mile.” These are examples of genuine dedication to the club and all its members. One of the most popular and productive field trips, the Randolph County Preserve trip, which occurred on Sunday, May 7, was a large success despite the absence of its cherished leader, Jane Lawrence, whose father lay gravely injured in Spain from a motorcycle accident.

In her absence, her husband Craig Lawrence hastily assembled some members to help lead folks through the magnificent preserve making sure that those members planning to attend would not be disappointed. Though Jane’s “birding by ear” segment was missed due to her absence, no one missed an opportunity to identify a bird, and some brand new birders were overjoyed with the experience.

Craig shouldered a lot of responsibility for the day. Nevertheless, by recruiting veteran birders and especially Mark Lewis to lead folks around the preserve, he kept the PBC experience at nearly 100%.

As a member of the Field Trips Committee, I am sure I speak for our entire committee and the PBC membership as I salute the dedication and integrity displayed by Craig Lawrence last Sunday.

The Big Day Bird List for Randolph County

Green Heron	Eastern Wood-Pewee	Swainson’s Thrush
Black Vulture	Acadian Flycatcher	Wood Thrush
Turkey Vulture	Great Crested Flycatcher	American Robin
Cooper’s Hawk	White-eyed Vireo	Northern Mockingbird
Red-shouldered Hawk	Yellow-throated Vireo	Brown Thrasher
Red-tailed Hawk	Blue-headed Vireo	Cedar Waxwing
Broad-winged Hawk	Red-eyed Vireo	Northern Parula
Mourning Dove	Blue Jay	Black-throated Blue
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	American Crow	Warbler
Whip-poor-will*	Carolina Chickadee	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Chimney Swift	Tufted Titmouse	Yellow-throated Warbler
Ruby-throated	White-breasted Nuthatch	Pine Warbler
Hummingbird	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Prairie Warbler
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Carolina Wren	Black-and-white Warbler
Downy Woodpecker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	American Redstart
Northern Flicker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Ovenbird
Pileated Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird	Louisiana Waterthrush

Common Yellowthroat
Hooded Warbler
Yellow-breasted Chat
Summer Tanager
Scarlet Tanager
Eastern Towhee

Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeck
Blue Grosbeck

Indigo Bunting
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch
American Goldfinch

*Seen by those who stayed until dusk