

Howerton Road for Sparrows

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Five members of the Piedmont Bird Club met at Howerton Road in Greensboro at 8:00 a.m. to look for sparrows and other birds. We birded Howerton Road for three hours before making a forty-minute stop at nearby Baldwin Road. The weather was seasonably cool with increasing breeze.

We managed to see eight species of sparrows: Chipping, Field, White-crowned, White-throated, Vesper, Savannah, Song, and Swamp. Other birds included Northern Harrier, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, American Kestrel, and Sora. The Sora was a nice surprise, calling occasionally from the edge of the larger pond along Howerton Road.

Several other birders arrived a little later and were able to see the sparrows and hear the Sora. Participants included Marty Wall, Amy Hanson, Roberta Newton, Ann Van Sant, and Matt Wanterin.

Bird List (46 species):

Canada Goose	Blue Jay	White-throated Sparrow
Rock Pigeon	American Crow	Vesper Sparrow
Mourning Dove	Common Raven	Savannah Sparrow
Sora	White-breasted Nuthatch	Song Sparrow
Killdeer	Carolina Wren	Swamp Sparrow
Black Vulture	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Eastern Towhee
Turkey Vulture	Eastern Bluebird	Eastern Meadowlark
Northern Harrier	American Robin	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-shouldered Hawk	Gray Catbird	Common Grackle
Red-tailed Hawk	Northern Mockingbird	Common Yellowthroat
Belted Kingfisher	European Starling	Palm Warbler
Red-bellied Woodpecker	House Finch	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Downy Woodpecker	American Goldfinch	Northern Cardinal
Pileated Woodpecker	Chipping Sparrow	House Sparrow
Northern Flicker	Field Sparrow	
American Kestrel	White-crowned Sparrow	

Additional species heard while waiting for others to arrive: Barred Owl, Northern Bobwhite.



Photo Credit: Ann Van Sant, Vesper Sparrow



Photo Credit: Ann Van Sant, Chipping Sparrow



Photo Credit: Marty Wall, White-crowned Sparrow