



Piedmont Bird Club



An organization for lovers of wild birds
in North Carolina's Piedmont

Summary of Activities September-December 2019



Fall Picnic, September 14, 2019

Submitted by Lynn Burnette, Social Chair



PBC had a different kind of fall picnic and walk this year, and those who attended determined it to be a great success.

About 45 members and guests attended a catered barbecue lunch held indoors at the Leonard Recreation Center in Greensboro. Members and guests split the cost of the lunch with the PBC, and everyone had plenty of pork and chicken barbecue, green beans, barbecue slaw, potato salad, and either peach cobbler or banana pudding.

Before the lunch, which started at 11:30 a.m., Matt Wangerin led about half of the group on a 45-minute walk along the Bicentennial Greenway near Leonard Center. Eastern Kingbird was a good bird, as it is an early migrant (to leave NC), but it was still here.

A Great Egret gave great looks at the pond and then atop a pine tree. There was a Green Heron too. A White-eyed Vireo chattered stereotypically. Participants had nice looks at a Common Yellowthroat. And to all's delight, a Belted Kingfisher chattered and flew across the road as we were wrapping it up.

Almost everyone said they loved having an easily accessible walk followed by a reasonably priced meal for which they did not have to cook or buy food. Looks like we may have a repeat performance sometime next year.

Thanks to Lynne Gray, Stella Wear, Tom Wear, Dennis Burnette, and everyone who helped set up and clean up, and thanks to Matt Wangerin for leading the walk.



Swifts Night Out, September 17, 2019

Submitted by Stella and Tom Wear, Trip Leaders

Swift's Night Out was successful and fun again this year. The weather was perfect. Thirty-five members of T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society, Piedmont Bird Club, and guests joined together to watch a swoop of more than 3000 Chimney Swifts gather for their roosting display in Greensboro. Basically, the count was about 100 birds per person!

Some watchers gathered on the roof at M'Coul's Public House in downtown Greensboro for social time, discussions, about the swifts, and to watch for the gathering of the swifts before walking over to the Carolina Theatre to join the other watchers.

The behaviors of the swifts were somewhat different this year. Instead of going to roost in one big group, they divided into three stages. As one group entered the chimney, others continued to fly around, swooping here and there before organizing into the familiar funnel to enter. It was rather dark when the third and largest group finally went to roost.



Tyne Road for Fall Migrants, September 22, 2019

Submitted by Marty Wall, Field Trip Leader

Eight members of the Piedmont Bird Club gathered at Mayo River State Park in Rockingham County at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 22, 2019. We birded around the ponds and open park area bordered by woods for 30 minutes before moving to our primary destination. At the park we saw or heard Solitary Sandpiper, Great Blue Heron, Red-tailed Hawk, Scarlet Tanager, and more.

We arrived at the Tyne Road Tract of Mayo River State Park at 8:45 a.m. and birded for a little over two hours. Highlights here were five vireo species, including a Blue-headed Vireo and two Philadelphia Vireos, seven warbler species including Magnolia Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, and Chestnut-sided Warbler. We ended the day with 46 species. The species list and eBird checklists (with pictures) are below.

In attendance: Marty Wall (Trip Leader), Asha Khopkar, Stella Wear, Tom Wear, Jean Murdick, Lon Murdick, Roberta Newton, and Ann Van Sant.

Links to ebird checklists:

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S60058552>

<https://ebird.org/view/checklist/S60058562>

Bird List

Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Chimney Swift
Killdeer
Solitary Sandpiper
Great Blue Heron
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Northern Flicker

Eastern Wood-Pewee
Acadian Flycatcher
Eastern Phoebe
White-eyed Vireo
Yellow Throated Vireo
Blue-headed Vireo
Philadelphia Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Tufted Titmouse
White-breasted Nuthatch
Brown-headed Nuthatch
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Carolina Wren

Gray Catbird
Eastern Bluebird
Swainson's Thrush
American Robin
Cedar Waxwing
Black-and-white Warbler
American Redstart
Northern Parula
Magnolia Warbler
Blackburnian Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Pine Warbler
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak



Go Wild Family Fun Day at Haw River State Park, October 5, 2019

Submitted by Stella Wear, PBC President

The Piedmont Bird Club participated in Go Wild Family Fun Day on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. This was the first time that this event had been held at The Summit at Haw River State Park in the fall of the year. The event leaders hosted displays from a variety of nature-oriented organizations that celebrated nature and encouraged activities and exploration in the out of doors.

To entice visitors to spend some time at each display, the exhibitors were provided a display-specific rubber stamp to mark each participants' program booklet. Participants who visited and got a stamp from each display received a bandana for "The Year of the Snake." The PBC stamp was a picture of a bird nest.

PBC members staffing the display interacted with 142 visitors and engaged children in several bird activities. PBC volunteers who helped with this event were Emily Tyler, Linda Castaneda McLean, Anne Presnell, Ethan Rehder, Jim Strickland, and Stella Wear.



October Meeting Program Summary, October 10, 2019

Submitted by Lisa Frandock, Recording Secretary (edited from the October minutes)

This was a joint meeting of Piedmont Bird Club with T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society. Our speaker for the evening was Chris Harrogin, Guilford County Parks Division Director. His topic was "Guilford County Parks—Past, Present, and Future."

Key events/purchases were highlighted:

- 1988—The Parks and Watershed Bond was passed.
- 1991—A county wide master plan was put together.
- 2000—Guilford County Open Space Program and Parks Bond was passed.
- 2004—10 million Park and Open Space Bond to purchase and protect was passed.
- 2010—A county wide master plan of 50,000+ acres was developed.
- 2013—the county dissolved management agreements, and management came back to Guilford County.

Guilford County consists of seven active parks and 11 passive parks, totaling 5,500 acres of land, with over 90 miles of trails. There is a link on the PBC website that outlines maps and parking for all parks and trails. There is also the Piedmont Discovery app that can be utilized.

He also gave an overview of why parks matter, highlighting the following advantages that are linked to economic impact and development:

1. Health care costs are reduced.
2. Boost in visitor spending
3. Increases property values
4. Conservation and resiliency
5. Huge impact on GDP and jobs

Outdoor recreation contributed \$412 billion to the economy in 2016 (shoes, outdoor gear, etc.). It also contributes to community cohesion and safety, health and wellness, and conservation.



Piedmont Bird Club's Big Sit, October 12, 2019

*Submitted by Lynne Gray, Circle Captain
photos by Ann Van Sant, except where noted*

A beautiful early fall day and a good and varied supply of birds brought the Piedmont Pishers back to our 17-foot circle at Greensboro's Bog Garden for the 2019 Big Sit.

Last year's extensive storm damage at the Bog Garden prevented us from participating in 2018, so lovely weather was welcomed and enthusiasm was high. We were happy to be joined by an Ohio visitor, Andrew Hood, whose quick eyes and extensive knowledge helped us identify several of the typically confusing fall birds migrating through. The usual birds were present throughout the day, allowing ongoing sightings, particularly of the Great Blue Heron and hungry Carolina Chickadees. The early shift was treated to their first sighting of a White-throated Sparrow and two red foxes who ran through our count circle!



Black-throated Blue Warbler

We had a quite respectable total species count of 46, much closer to our first count in 2016 of 52 than the disappointing total in 2017 of 32. For me, some of the favorites were the Scarlet Tanager (our first for the Sit), male and female American Redstarts, and the Black-throated Blue and Black-and-White Warblers who kept us company for the last hour of the day.

Other notables were a Black-throated Green Warbler, a Ruby-crowned Kinglet and a Yellow-billed Cuckoo. A full list, in order of appearance, follows this report.

This year we counted from approximately 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The only thing missing from the day was the Bog Garden's famous Barred Owl. We neither saw nor heard from them, despite much hoping.



Black-and-white warbler



photo by Matt Wangerin, Great Blue Heron

People who helped with the count as shift leaders and/or observers were Dennis Burnette, Ann Walter-Fromson, Jim Strickland, Mike Howard, Diana Bowman, Ann Steighner, Lynn Allison, Lawrence Mann, Ann Mann, Paul Sumner, Matt Wangerin, Jim Eldrett and Stella and Tom Wear. Thanks to all for your enthusiasm and your participation. Special thanks go to Ann Van Sant and Roberta Newton, who opened and closed our site, took many pictures to include with our report and posted our results to eBird.

A sign of the times were the many Pokemon fans who passed through our 17-foot circle glued to their phones, some without even realizing we were there. It was fun to see all the participants in a Pokemon event based at the Arboretum, just across the street from the Bog Garden. They kept our visitor numbers higher than usual, but it really wouldn't be fair to count them in this report.

The day was well summed up by one of our Pishers: "I went out for a two-hour stint and stayed for about three-and-a-half hours." It was that kind of day.



Carolina Chickadee



White-throated Sparrow

Species List for 2019 Big Sit, October 12, 2019 Bog Garden, Greensboro, North Carolina

American Crow	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Hairy Woodpecker
Canada Goose	Cooper's Hawk	Brown-headed Nuthatch
Mallard	White-throated Sparrow	American Robin
Northern Cardinal	Song Sparrow	Red-shouldered Hawk
Carolina Chickadee	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Black-throated Green Warbler
Gray Catbird	Downy Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird
Carolina Wren	American Redstart (M and F)	American Goldfinch
Tufted Titmouse	Black-throated Blue Warbler	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Great Blue Heron	Eastern Bluebird	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Belted Kingfisher	Magnolia Warbler	Black-and-white Warbler
Eastern Phoebe	Red-eyed Vireo	Common Yellowthroat
Fish Crow	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Eastern Wood Pewee
Blue Jay	Turkey Vulture	
European Starling	Northern Flicker	
Brown Thrasher	Tennessee Warbler	
Eastern Towhee	White-breasted Nuthatch	
Northern Waterthrush	Scarlet Tanager	



Introduction to Bird Watching for Beginners, October 13, 2019

Submitted by Lynn Burnette

On Sunday afternoon, October 13, Piedmont Bird Club (PBC) and T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society (TGPAS) member Dennis Burnette presented the "Introduction to Bird Watching for Beginners" workshop in the KCEF Branch Library in Price Park. Despite heavy rain that afternoon, which probably kept some folks home, 17 people attended.

This workshop was a joint activity of the TGPAS and PBC. It was designed to introduce new birders to birds and the hobby of birding. The plan was to begin with a new PowerPoint presentation developed especially for this event and then to go outside into the park for bird identification practice.

Because of the rain, we decided to stay indoors and extend the classroom portion for a general discussion about birding with the participants. We followed this with a tutorial on how to use binoculars effectively. We appreciated Melanie Buckingham of the library staff posting photos of birds around the room specifically for binocular practice.

The workshop was for adults, but in the announcements before the workshop, we said that older children who were accompanied by adults would be welcome to attend. We were pleased to see two young birders in the group. Binoculars and bird field guides were suggested but not required. Audubon provided some binoculars to lend to those without them, and Melanie set out several field guides for practice.

Workshop presenter Dennis Burnette is a retired college professor, a nature educator, and an amateur wildlife photographer. Dennis is past president of TGPAS and a current member of the TGPAS board, and past president and active member of the PBC.

Several experienced members of the TGPAS and PBC attended to act as mentors to the beginners. They helped answer questions during the presentation and assisted participants in learning to find birds in their binoculars and identify birds in the field guides. We appreciate everyone's involvement.



Fall Conservation Activities

Submitted by Melanie Stadler, PBC Conservation Chair

Bird, Bee, and Butterfly Pollinator Garden–Habitat Restoration and Planting Saturday, September 21, 2019

Fall Park Clean-up at Price Park Saturday, October 5, 2019

Bird, Bee, and Butterfly Pollinator Garden–Habitat Restoration and Planting Saturday, October 19, 2019

On Saturday, September 21, 2019, 11 people participated in the Woven Works Park restoration and planting event. Everyone was very enthusiastic and ready to work. Our primary goal was to pull out all of the plants that had grown too tall and taken over the area. The plants had created such a thick covering that other native plants could not get any light or what little moisture we've had. It was a great day, and we got so much accomplished! All of the overgrown species were removed so that we could focus on creating space for new flowering plants for the birds and pollinators in future PBC restoration and planting events at the park.

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, we had nine people in attendance at the clean-up event at Price Park. That event was equally as successful as the Woven Works Park event. We found some hot spots for trash accumulation and got those areas cleaned up nicely. All of the volunteers were eager and happy to help. A couple of us saw a young doe and buck in the wooded area. No box turtles were seen on this visit, but it was a chilly morning.

We had several UNCG students at both events, and they all seemed interested to help at future events. We also had a brand new PBC member at the park clean-up event. He was great, and I know we will see him on many of our outings in the future.

Our second workday at Woven Works Park on Saturday, October 19 was great! It was a perfect fall morning, and we had an enthusiastic group of volunteers. We started out by doing a lot of weeding, mostly pulling grasses and plantain. Then we had groups dedicated to planting new native shrubs in the freshly weeded areas. A member of the Native Plant Society recruited a group of 16 students from A&T. We also had four students from UNCG attend. Only three PBC members (myself included) were there. The rest were students and people from the Native Plant Society. Our next workdays are still to be announced, but we are looking at one workday each in March, April, and May. The garden is going to look amazing by spring!



Howerton Road Field Trip, October 27

submitted by Marty Wall

On Sunday, October 27, four members of the Piedmont Bird Club met at The Guilford County Farm on Howerton Road. In attendance were Roberta Newton, Ann Van Sant, Paul Sumner, and Marty Wall. Our target birds for the day were sparrows; we ended up with eight species, plus Eastern Towhee. The best sparrows were a Grasshopper Sparrow around the pond and an adult White-crowned Sparrow along Baldwin Road later in the outing. Other nice birds for the day were Northern Harrier (a probable at Howerton Rd and one at Baldwin Rd), Red-headed Woodpecker, Loggerhead Shrike, and three warbler species. We had to look hard for good birds at this usually birdy spot. The weather was heavily overcast at the beginning, with a brief shower, then breezy. We ended the morning with 42 species.

Bird List

Mourning Dove	Great Blue Heron	Red-shouldered Hawk	Northern Flicker
Killdeer	Black Vulture	Belted Kingfisher	American Kestrel
	Turkey Vulture	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Eastern Phoebe
	Northern Harrier	Red-headed Woodpecker	Loggerhead Shrike
	Cooper's Hawk	Red-bellied Woodpecker	Blue Jay

American Crow
Carolina Chickadee
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Carolina Wren
European Starling
Brown Thrasher

Northern Mockingbird
Eastern Bluebird
Cedar Waxwing
House Finch
Grasshopper Sparrow

Chipping Sparrow
Field Sparrow
White-crowned Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Savannah Sparrow
Song Sparrow

Swamp Sparrow
Eastern Towhee
Eastern Meadowlark
Brown-headed Cowbird
Common Yellowthroat
Palm Warbler



Workshop: Introduction to Bird Counts, November 9, 2019

Conducted by Elizabeth Link, Bird Count Coordinator

On Saturday, November 9, in preparation for the 120th Audubon Christmas Bird Count, Bird Count Coordinator Elizabeth Link presented a well-attended workshop to familiarize new participants with how a bird count is conducted. Nineteen people showed up, only four of whom had previously participated in a bird count. Topics covered included the following:

- the history of the count
- how the count is organized geographically into the count circle and territories
- what to keep track of, including how to calculate party hours
- count week sightings
- how the data is used
- local population trends over the last 50 years
- information about the Spring Bird Count

After the presentation, some of the participants went outside to practice some of the techniques taught during the workshop.



Young Birders Club Meetings, November 17 & December 12, 2019

Submitted by Dennis Burnette

Photos by Dennis Burnette

A group of 10 middle school and young high school kids participated in the second meeting of our new Piedmont Young Birders Club on **Sunday afternoon, November 17**, for a fun afternoon of indoor activities and outdoor birding. We met in the classroom at the Greensboro Arboretum.

Indoor activities included a 20-questions icebreaker in which everyone, adults included, had to guess the identity of the bird picture on their backs by circulating around the room and asking people questions. In addition, the group had a lot of fun competing in teams to answer questions in several categories of a game called “Jeop-birdy.”



The group spent the next 45 minutes or so birding outdoors in the arboretum. Several people, including some of the adults, saw some bird species for the first time in their lives. Best bird? Blue-headed Vireo seen very well.

The young birders group is co-sponsored and organized by Piedmont Bird Club and T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society. These organizations provided binoculars and field guides to loan, as well as snacks.

Adults from both groups were on hand to help the young folks find and identify birds including Dennis Burnette, Sue Cole, Megan Damico, Ann Walter-Fromson, Stella Wear, and Tom Wear. Several parents also stayed and participated both in the games and on the bird walk.

On Sunday afternoon Dec. 15, the new Piedmont Young Birders Club had their third meeting. They met again at the Greensboro Arboretum. Six students were in attendance. Melanie Buckingham had brought iPods for each student, and they were able to connect to the Arboretum classroom's wireless. The students enjoyed using the Merlin Bird Identification application using this connection. Following the classroom portion of the meeting, everyone went outside to do some birding. In addition to Melanie Buckingham, Ann Walter-Fromson and Ann Steighner were among the adult volunteers this time.



Christmas Bird Count, December 14, 2019

submitted by Elizabeth Link

The 2019 Greensboro Christmas Count was held on Saturday December 14. A record 55 counters participated, and the count circle was covered well. While the number of species found (90) was about average for us for the last 10 years, the number of individuals counted (13,464) was well above average and the second highest we've had during that period.

The weather was mostly cooperative. Rain overnight and into the early morning hours might have put a damper on owling, but it tapered off about the time that most teams were getting started. The skies went from complete cloud cover to partly cloudy over the course of the day. The low temperature was 38° and the high was 55°, a little warm for this time of year, but I heard no one complaining about it!

Our counters divided into 17 parties that logged 107.5 party hours, with 56 miles walked, 440 miles by car, and 4 miles by golf cart.

Birds of special interest that were found on the count day were an Orange-crowned Warbler found near the airport by Andrew Thornton, a Green Heron spotted by Wallace Sills and Lane Oldham at a retention pond near the airport, and a first-year Black-and-white Warbler seen by Diana Bowman and myself on the Reedy Fork Trail. Matt Wangerin had a Northern Harrier flyover on Lake Townsend at Yanceyville Street, and Lynn Moseley's group had a lingering Gray Catbird. A Black Scoter and a Common Goldeneye showed up in the count week but not on count day. Two Baltimore Orioles showed up at Morgan Horner's feeder, as they have for the last several years.

Interesting trends in the bird numbers include the growing numbers of Black Vultures. Our first Black Vultures appeared on the count in the late 1990's. This year we had our highest number ever, 256, compared to 149 Turkey Vultures. We also had a good Bald Eagle count, with 6 birds seen. Interestingly, our count of 10 Cooper's Hawks was our highest ever, but our 1 Sharp-shinned Hawk was our lowest count. We also broke our previous high records for Downy Woodpeckers and Eastern Towhee.

Missing were some of the waterfowl species that tend to show up, such as Widgeon, Pintail, and the Scaup species, and any northern outbreak birds such as Red-breasted Nuthatch or Pine Siskin that we might have in years of colder weather.

Many thanks to those folks who participated in the count: Nancy Adamson, Carolyn Allen, Lynn Allison, Susan Andreatta, Diana Bowman, Jim Buchanan, Dennis Burnette, Lynn Burnette, Roy Carlson, Frank Cashwell, Sue Cole, Scott DePue, Jim Eldrett, Tom Gaffney, Henry Gates, Robin Gitlin, Lynne Gray, Amy Hanson, Judy Hoag, Morgan Horner, Todd Kilb, Celia Kiser, Marlene Lang, Elizabeth Link, Henry Link, Clarence Mattocks, Shelly McDiarmid, Linda Melendez-Kilb, Lynn Moseley, Jean Murdick, Roberta Newton, Lane Oldham, Sandy Post, Marie Poteat, Anne Presnell, Jennifer Rauchutte, Emily Reeve, Judy Roy, Wallace Sills, Ann Stieghner, Jim Strickland, Linda Sumner, Paul Sumner, Emily Talbert, Christian Thoma, Andrew Thornton, Ann Van Sant, Anita Vigotrito, Joe Vigorito, Ann Walter-Fromson, Matt Wangerin, Nate Watkins, Stella Wear, Tom Wear, Melissa Whitmire.

Canada Goose	982
Wood Duck	4
Gadwall	8
American Black Duck	2
Mallard	243
Northern Shoveler	32
Green-winged Teal	15

Ring-necked Duck	146
Black Scoter	count week
Common goldeneye	count week
Bufflehead	63
Hooded Merganser	446
Red-breasted Merganser	3
Ruddy Duck	97

Wild Turkey	5
Pied-billed Grebe	42
Horned Grebe	18
Rock Pigeon	139
Mourning Dove	222
Killdeer	60
Wilson's Snipe	1
Bonaparte's Gull	84
Ring-billed Gull	2211
Herring Gull	1
Common Loon	count week
Double-crested Cormorant	10
Green Heron	1
Great Blue Heron	57
Black Vulture	256
Turkey Vulture	149
Northern Harrier	1
Bald Eagle	6
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1
Cooper's Hawk	10
Red-shouldered Hawk	30
Red-tailed Hawk	27
Great Horned Owl	3
Barred Owl	2
Belted Kingfisher	15
Red-headed Woodpecker	19
Red-bellied Woodpecker	141
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	49
Downy Woodpecker	88
Hairy Woodpecker	12
Northern Flicker	88
Pileated Woodpecker	17
American Kestrel	4
Eastern Phoebe	14
Blue Jay	214
American Crow	1697
Fish Crow	58
Common Raven	4
Carolina Chickadee	280
Tufted Titmouse	193

White-breasted Nuthatch	71
Brown-headed Nuthatch	38
Brown Creeper	8
Winter Wren	17
Carolina Wren	215
Golden-crowned Kinglet	36
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	63
Eastern Bluebird	332
Hermit Thrush	22
American Robin	361
Brown Thrasher	15
Catbird	1
Northern Mockingbird	104
European Starling	619
American Pipit	7
Cedar Waxwing	482
House Sparrow	37
House Finch	148
American Goldfinch	93
Orange-crowned Warbler	1
Black & White Warbler	1
Pine Warbler	10
Yellow-rumped Warbler	77
Eastern Towhee	118
Chipping Sparrow	156
Field Sparrow	88
Savannah Sparrow	8
Fox Sparrow	6
Song Sparrow	165
Swamp Sparrow	10
White-throated Sparrow	608
White-crowned Sparrow	1
Dark-eyed Junco	408
Northern Cardinal	328
Red-winged Blackbird	112
Eastern Meadowlark	122
Common Grackle	4
Baltimore Oriole	2
Brown-headed Cowbird	300
Total individuals	13464
Total count day species	90
Total count week species	3



November Meeting Program Summary, November 21, 2019

Submitted by Lisa Frandock, Recording Secretary (edited from the November minutes)

The November meeting was well-attended, with 45 people present. The Bird of the Season was presented by Dennis Burnette, who gave an in depth look at the American Robin, noting the flocking patterns in fall and winter. He also provided an in depth look at their habitat and provided similarities between other birds, especially other thrushes. It was a great presentation on a bird we sometimes overlook.

Melanie Buckingham gave a report on a 2018 mini-grant project. The project was called the Eco Explore Outreach Program. It was held during the summer of 2019 and concentrated on birds and butterflies. The grant was used for supplies for the programs, such as binoculars and photos of birds and butterflies for identification. The programs were held at the Center for New North Carolinians and Applewood Greensboro Housing Authority.

Our speaker for the evening was Dr. David Gammon, Professor of Biology at Elon University, who presented "More Mocking from Mockingbirds". We learned the following:

- Mockingbirds copy what already sounds mockingbirdish.
- Adult mockingbirds learn very little as adults.
- You can listen to recorded female mockingbirds at femalebirdsong.org.
- Males mimic more frequently than females.
- Females have less variety.
- Mockingbirds also incorporate the songs of frogs and toads.
- Some audio was given of Northern Mockingbirds incorporation of various frogs, such as the Bush Frog, Pacific Tree Frog, and Woodhouse Toad.



Holiday Dinner and Members' Photo Show, December 19, 2019

submitted by Stella Wear and Lynn Burnette



photo by Lee Capps

Forty-nine PBC members and their guests celebrated the holidays on Thursday, Dec. 19, 2019, at the dining facility at WhiteStone community, 700 S. Holden Road, Greensboro. Everyone enjoyed an amazing catered dinner of Salmon a la Ritz, vegetable lasagna, broccoli, glazed carrots, roasted potatoes, and a variety of holiday cookies.

After dinner, we were entertained and educated by a favorite annual event, the members' slide show, which was arranged by the Program Committee. The program treated viewers to exciting photos of birds from local back yards, from other places around North Carolina, from other states, and even from other countries.

Thanks go to Ann Van Sant, Jim Strickland, Lyn McCoy, Peggy Ferebee, Julien McCarthy, Susie Hodnett, Lee Capps, Jim Corkhill, Emily Tyler, and Lynn Moseley for sharing their excellent photography and paintings.

The closing activity involved awarding door prizes, and everyone won something special to take home. Our members were so generous with their numerous and clever donations for the prizes that it was hard to decide what to choose.

Table decorations included rustic Snowy Owls made of pinecones and fluffy cotton, sitting in tiny sleighs. Lyn McCoy, Lynn Burnette, and Stella Wear donated the craft supplies for them.

Social Committee members are Lynn Burnette, Lynne Gray, Becky Floyd, Julien McCarthy, Lyn McCoy, and Stella Wear. Program Committee members are Barbara Haralson and Ann Steighner.