

Swifts' Night Out, Part 1 and 2 September 4 and 18, 2018

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On September 4 and September 18, birders enjoyed two swoops of swifts. Swifts' Night Out, Part 1 and Part 2, were successful and fun again this year. On both nights, the weather was perfect. Thirty-one members of T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society, Piedmont Bird Club, and guests joined together on September 4 in Greensboro to watch a swoop of more than a thousand Chimney Swifts gather for their roosting display. This time the swifts chose the chimney on the Foundation Place Building, (330 South Greene Street), which is across the street from the Carolina Theatre.

On September 18, 35 participants watched about 100 swifts going to roost. This time the swifts did use the Carolina Theatre. We all wondered if hurricane Florence had influenced the difference in numbers of swifts on these two nights.

Each night many folks gathered on the roof at M'Coul's Public House in downtown Greensboro to watch for the swifts. They were not disappointed with good social times together and the viewing of the Swifts.

These were joint events sponsored by T. Gilbert Pearson and Piedmont Bird Club.



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