



Chinqua-Penn Trail, September 18, 2022

Trip Coordinator(s): Melanie Stadler & Jim Gant

Location: Chinqua-Penn Trail, Reidsville, NC

Temperature: mid 60's – 70's

Weather: Clear

Target Bird(s), if any: Any of the migrating Warblers and Song Birds

Number of participants: 11, Christian Thoma, Sylvia White, Michael Mirande, Roberta Newton, Ann Van Sant, Patti Rivera, Tom and Stella Wear, Jim & Laura Lee Gant, and Linda Hayes

Bird List: Rock Pigeons, Mourning Doves, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Killdeer, Great Blue Heron, Black Vultures, Turkey Vultures, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Downy Woodpeckers, Pileated Woodpeckers, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Eastern Phoebe, White-eyed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jays, American Crows, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadees, Tufted Titmouses, White-breasted Nuthatches, Carolina Wrens, European Starlings, Northern Mockingbird, Eastern Bluebirds, House Finches, American Goldfinches, Chipping Sparrows, Song Sparrow, Eastern Meadowlarks, Brown-headed Cowbird, Black-and-White Warbler, Summer Tanager, Northern Cardinals. Total of 34 species.

Comments: (such as, notable birds seen, interesting bird or animal behavior, condition of the birding site, participant comments):

The Chinqua-Penn Trail is owned and operated by North Carolina State University. It is a hard pack dirt trail and it forms a 1.7mile loop. This was the first “official” bird walk at the Chinqua-Penn Trail by the Piedmont Bird Club. A number of our members have been birding here and highly recommended it. So the Chinqua-Penn Trail has been added to the Club’s Trip Schedule. With a variety of areas such a meadows and pastures, wooded and 2 ponds we were able to see a diversity of birds as we saw or heard 34 species. We began to see several species prior to leaving the parking area including the female Scarlet Tanager. As we progressed along the trail we saw or heard various species depending on whether we were in the woods or along a meadow or pasture. As we approached one of the wooded areas we saw several Red-headed Woodpeckers. When we arrived at the second pond we found a Great Blue Heron trying to fish, but we were taking lots of photos, so it backed into a small area to make it harder to see. As we progress up the last section of the trail we saw Chipping Sparrows, American Goldfinches, and Eastern Bluebirds on the fence posts, fences and feeding along the trail. A Black & White Warbler was also seen in the vicinity of the last tree area we passed through. This is a beautiful area, and it is recommended for future trips.



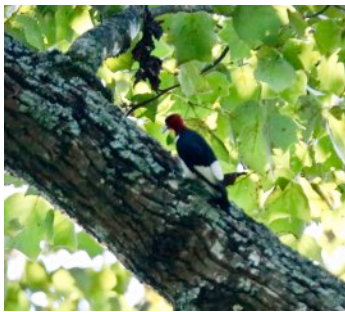
Carolina Chickadee



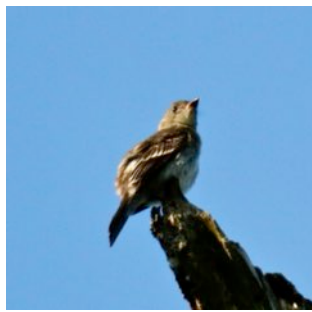
Great Blue Heron



Eastern Phoebe



Red-headed Woodpecker



Eastern Wood-Pewee



Eastern Bluebirds



Chipping Sparrow



Scarlet Tanager, female