Company Mill Preserve, 12 May 2026

submitted by Jim Gant

Trip Coordinator(s): Jim Gant

Location: Company Mill Preserve, Climax, NC

Temperature: high 60's to low 80's

Weather: mostly sunny

Target Bird(s), if any: migrants

Number of participants: 4

Bird List: Black-bellied Whistling Duck, Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, Mourning Dove, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Chimney Swift, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Killdeer, Solitary Sandpiper, Green Heron, Great, Blue Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Acadian Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, White-eyed Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish, Crow, Common Raven, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Tree Swallow, White-breasted Nuthatch, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Northern House Wren, Carolina Wren, European Starling, Northern Mockingbird, Eastern Bluebird, Swainson's Thrush, Wood Thrush, American Robin, American Goldfinch, Field Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Yellow-breasted Chat, Orchard Oriole, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Common Grackle, Northern Waterthrush, Black-and-white Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, American Redstart, Northern Parula, Magnolia, Warbler, Northern Yellow Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Black-throated Blue Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Summer Tanager, Scarlet Tanager, Northern Cardinal, Indigo Bunting; for a total of 68 species.

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

This was an excellent day for a Bird Walk. The birds were active and vocal. As we progressed down the trail, we were able to see and hear a number of birds species in the varied terrain which went from hardwood forest to wetlands area, where we crossed by boardwalks. As we approached the normal turnaround point one of our team had to depart for another appointment. However, as we continued to hear and see more variety of birds, the remainder continued on. We were rewarded as we approached the 3rd boardwalk area where we initially saw some Wood Ducks. However, as we continued to watch we saw the rare sighting of a Black-bellied Whistling Duck. We were able to get several photos to augment our sighting. As we returned to the Trail head, we finally realized that we were having so much fun that we had be at it for a little over 5 hours. But no one was complaining. All in all, a great day.

Photos for Company Mill Preserve Trip Report, 12 May 2026

Black-bellied Whistling Duck

Black-bellied Whistling Duck, photo by Ashley Barret

Wood Duck, male

Wood Duck, female with babies, photo by Ashley Barret

Eastern Wood-Pewee

American Redstart, female

Common Yellowthroat

Summer Tanager

Great Blue Heron