



Guilford County Farm; March 21, 2026

submitted by Jim Gant

Trip Coordinator(s): Jim Gant

Location: Guilford County Farm, 7315 Howerton Road, Gibsonville (Elon), NC

Temperature: 50's – 70's

Weather: light overcast

Target Bird(s), if any:

Number of participants: 20

Bird List: Mallard, Mourning Dove, Wilson's Snipe, Double-crested Cormorant, American Bittern, Great Blue Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Northern Harrier, Red-shouldered Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Blue Jay, American Crow, Fish Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Tree Swallow, Carolina Wren, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, Eastern Bluebird, American Robin, House Finch, Chipping Sparrow, Field Sparrow, White-crowned Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Eastern meadowlark, Red-winged Blackbird, Brown-headed Cowbird, Common Grackle, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Cardinal; for a total of 38 species.

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

This was a Bird Walk with the Piedmont Bird Club, T. Gilbert Pearson Audubon Society, and some guests from P.L.A.C.E. (Public Lands for Agriculture & Community Enrichment). It was a beautiful day for a Bird Walk, with mild temperatures and a light breeze. The birds were both vocal and active. Our prize bird of the day was the American Bittern. We saw it in the wetlands area of the lake near Howerton Road. As it was moving slow (as they do looking for food). We were all able to get good views and photos (see photos). The Common Yellowthroats are also returning. We also enjoyed seeing at least 25 Tree Swallows feeding along the back area of the lake (the far side of the fishing pier). We also saw several flying in and out of the Wood Duck Box in the lake, and a pair staking out at least one Eastern Bluebird Box. The Northern Harriers were working the field to the east of the vineyards as we started out this morning. We even saw one make a catch of something and fly off with the meal. All in all, a great Bird Walk.

Trip Report, Guilford County Farm, 3/21/26; Photos



Northern Harrier, photo by Tim Key



Tree Swallows at Duck Box,
photo by Tim Key



American Bittern



American Bittern



Eastern Meadowlark, singing



Common Yellowthroat



Tree Swallows staking out an Eastern Bluebird Box



Red-tailed Hawk



Chipping Sparrow, singing



Brown Thrasher