# NC Zoo, North America Lake Area; 24 October 2026

*submitted by Jim Gant*

**Trip Coordinator(s):** Jim Gant; NC Zoo Guide Grace Sigmon

**Location:** NC Zoo, North America Area, 4401 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, NC 27205

**Temperature:** High 40's – 60's

**Weather:** Mostly clear

**Target Bird(s), if any:**

**Number of participants:** 7

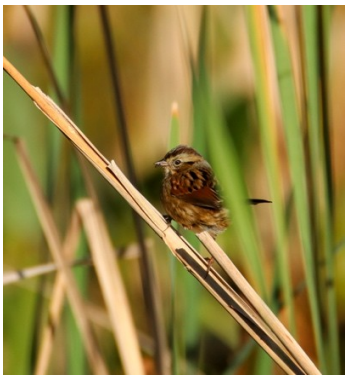
**Bird List:** Mallard, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Belted Kingfisher, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Pileated Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Golden-crowned Kinglet, White-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Carolina Wren, Gray Catbird, Brown Thrasher, Northern Mockingbird, Hermit Thrush, Chipping Sparrow, Dark-eyed Junco, White-throated Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Northern Cardinal; for a total of 31 species.

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

This trip was originally scheduled to be a birding by canoe trip. However, due to the chilly weather, it was too chilly to get wet launching the canoes. So, we went birding on land around the North America lake area. This change in venue turned out to be a great one. The birds were very active in the trees, and vegetation around the lake seeking seeds and berries as well as insects. We had a very large number of Yellow-rumped Warblers, and we observed that the White-throated Sparrows, and the Ruby-crowned and Golden-crowned Kinglets have arrived for the winter. Although we heard some Dark-eyed Juncos, we did not see them, but we did see a Hermit Thrush that is also here for the winter. One of our special sightings, was to see (and photograph) the elusive Winter Wren, also here for the winter. All in all, an excellent birding day.

# Photos for NC Zoo, America Lake, 24 October 2026

White-throated Sparrow



Swamp Sparrow

Red-bellied Woodpeckers x 2

Yellow-rumped Warblers

Winter Wren

Hermit Thrush

Belted Kingfisher, on the wing

Clouded Skipper on Baby Sage

Bee on an African Marigold

Red Admiral Butterfly