Richardson Taylor Preserve, 20 October 2026

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Trip Coordinator(s): Ashley Barret

Location: Richardson Taylor Preserve, 300 Plainfield Road, Greensboro, NC 27455

Temperature: 40's – 60's

Weather: Mostly Clear

Target Bird(s), if any:

Number of participants: 5

Bird List: Canada Goose, Wood Duck, Mallard, Killdeer, American Avocet, Double-crested Cormorant, Great Egret, Great Blue Heron, Black Vulture, Turkey Vulture, Belted Kingfisher, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-headed Woodpecker, Red-bellied Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, Eastern Phoebe, Blue Jay, American Crow, Common Raven, Carolina Chickadee, Tufted Titmouse, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Carolina Wren, Brown Thrasher, American Robin, American Goldfinch, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Eastern Towhee, Red-winged Blackbird, Northern Cardinal; for a total of 35 species.

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

We had an excellent group of five for this hike. It was a cool morning, with lots of sun. We began the hike on the Wetlands trail of Richardson Taylor Preserve. The birds were pretty quiet for the first 30 minutes of the hike. Once the sun warmed the tops of the trees, we began to hear more activity. Given that most leaves are still providing coverage for the birds, we did not see too many moving about. Once we reached the viewing platform, we were able to visually identify several species, including several woodpeckers, a ruby crowned kinglet, and we heard many more. We decided to head over to the Plainfield Marsh mudflats in hopes of seeing some waterfowl and were not disappointed. We ended the hike by going over to the Lake Townsend/Church Street bridge area off of the Crockett trail. We had heard reports of an American Avocet feeding on the mudflats there. We spent 20 minutes there enjoying our encounter with that bird, watching it swing its bill back and forth in the shallows as it fed. It turned out to be a great day.

American Avocet