

Results of the Unaka Mountain Field Trip

April 8, 2023

A total of 10 birders from the Lee and Lois Herndon Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society participated in a field trip over Unaka Mountain in Unicoi County, Tennessee on May 13, 2023. It was foggy to start, then cloudy with peaks of sunshine and we were able to finish without getting rained on. We started our trip at the Forest Service Office in Unicoi and traveled on Highway 107 to Unaka Mountain Road, then down Highway 395 back to Erwin. A total of 58 species were observed including Swainson's Warbler, Canada Warbler, Chestnut-sided Warbler, and Magnolia Warbler. Here is the list of species identified.

Mallard	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Song Sparrow
Ruffed Grouse	Eastern Bluebird	Dark-eyed Junco
Turkey Vulture	Veery	Northern Cardinal
Killdeer	Hermit Thrush	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Mourning Dove	Wood Thrush	Indigo Bunting
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	American Robin	Red-winged Blackbird
Chimney Swift	Gray Catbird	Common Grackle
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher	American Goldfinch
Hairy Woodpecker	Northern Mockingbird	
Eastern Wood Peewee	European Starling	
Acadian Flycatcher	Ovenbird	
Least Flycatcher	Louisiana Waterthrush	
Great Crested Flycatcher	Black-and-white Warbler	
Yellow-throated Vireo	Swainson's Warbler	
Blue-headed Vireo	Common Yellowthroat	
Red-eyed Vireo	Hooded Warbler	
Blue Jay	Northern Parula	
American Crow	Magnolia Warbler	
Common Raven	Chestnut-sided Warbler	
Carolina Chickadee	Black-throated Blue Warbler	
Tufted Titmouse	Yellow-throated Warbler	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Black-throated Green Warbler	
Winter Wren	Canada Warbler	
Carolina Wren	Eastern Towhee	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Chipping Sparrow	

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