

Results of the Rankin Bottoms Field Trip

September 23, 2023

A total of 11 birders from the Lee and Lois Herndon Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society participated in a field trip down to Rankin and Dutch Bottoms in Cocke County, Tennessee on September 23, 2023. It was sunny and warm with a high temperature of about 80 degrees. We left from Gray, Tennessee about 1:15 pm and returned about 8:30pm. A total of 33 species were observed including Neotropic Cormorant, American Golden Plover and Sanderlings. Here is the list of species identified.

Canada Goose	Blue Jay	
Wood Duck	American Crow	
Mallard	Tufted Titmouse	
Rock Pigeon	Tree Swallow	
American Golden Plover	Carolina Wren	
Semipalmated Plover	Northern Waterthrush	
Killdeer	Palm Warbler	
Sanderling		
Least Sandpiper		
Pectoral Sandpiper		
Wilson's Snipe		
Ring-billed Gull		
Herring Gull		
Forster's Tern		
Double-crested Cormorant		
Neotropic Cormorant		
American White Pelican		
Great Blue Heron		
Great Egret		
Little Blue Heron		
Black Vulture		
Turkey Vulture		
Bald Eagle		
Belted Kingfisher		
Pileated Woodpecker		
Eastern Phoebe		

Thanks to all who participated! Special thanks to Tammy Bright, Wendi Williams, Charlie Warden, and Brookie Potter who drove. And to Jean Potter for sharing her photo!

Joe McGuiness

Photo by Jean Potter of Double-crested Cormorant on left and Neotropic Cormorant on right.
Rankin Bottoms, Cocke County, TN. September 23, 2023.

