

October Minutes
Lee & Lois Herndon Chapter of TOS

Location: Zoom

Date: October 13, 2024

Attendance: 13 people attended via Zoom

Call to order: President Dave Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Minutes: Kim Stroud read the minutes from the September meeting meeting. However, a quorum was not present. Therefore, the minutes could not be approved

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Old Business:

1. **Roan Mountain Fall Naturalist Rally:** Saturdays walks were somewhat disappointing due to weather conditions. Debi Campbell had 29 species at Carver's Gap including Red-breasted Nuthatches, Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Tennessee, Hooded, Black-throated Blue, and Black-throated Green Warblers. Joe McGuiness had four participates and 15 species including numerous Cedar Waxwings and Hummingbirds. Joe had 30 species on Sunday morning due to better conditions. They included Blue-headed Vireo, Tennessee and Cape May Warblers. Also, 21 Red Crossbills put on quite a show.
2. **Fall State Meeting:** Kim Stroud asked the committee to meet after the meeting.
3. **Scouting Trip:** The scouting trip to North Carolina has been rescheduled for October 27-30 or 31. If you are interested, please let Dave Gardner or Joe McGuiness know.

New Business:

1. **Fall Count:** The Fall Count was postponed for a week due to flooding from Helene. A discussion was held to assess to feasibility of this count. While some sections of the mountain counties may be inaccessible, many members wished to proceed and cover what areas were accessible. A list of party areas and leaders was formed. Rick Knight requested results be emailed to him for compilation.
2. **October Field Trip:** Joe McGuiness will lead a field trip on October 19 or 26. More information will be forthcoming on the location.
3. **Christmas Party:** Dave Gardner asked in there was interest in a Christmas party, which there was. We would like to hold the party at Tipton-Haynes on December 17, if it is available.

Recent Sightings:

1. The Magnificent Frigatebird is still around.

2. Debi Campbell has been seeing many migrants including Scarlett and Summer Tanagers.
3. Fred Alsop had a Peregrine Falcon at Sycamore Shoals on Friday the 13th.

Presentation: Due to an internet outage at the presenter's home, there was no program.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by: Kim Stroud