

## Results of the Burke's Garden Field Trip

March 8, 2025

Fourteen members of the Lee and Lois Herndon Chapter and Bristol Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society participated in a field trip to Burke's Garden, Virginia on March 8, 2025. Weather for the trip consisted of a mixture of rain, sleet, and snow in the morning and partly sunny skies in the afternoon. Temperatures ranged between 36-39°F and winds were 8-15mph with some higher gusts at times. We ate lunch at the General Store and checked in on Mattie, who hopes to reopen soon. A total of 45 species were observed including Greater Scaup, Redhead, Red-headed woodpeckers, Wilson's Snipe, and Bald Eagles. Here is the list of species identified. Numbers are from the ebird report. These numbers may vary for each observer.

Canada Geese -73	Belted Kingfisher -1	Northern Mockingbird – 1
Mallard -13	Red-headed Woodpecker – 2	Eastern Bluebird – 31
Redhead – 1	Red-bellied Woodpecker – 2	American Robin- 60
Ring-necked Duck – 17	Downy Woodpecker -4	House Sparrow- 3
Greater Scaup – 30	Hairy Woodpecker – 2	House Finch – 12
Rock Pigeon – 5	Pileated Woodpecker -1	American Goldfinch – 4
Mourning Dove – 14	Northern Flicker – 2	Dark-eyed Junco – 21
Killdeer -16	American Kestrel – 6	Song Sparrow – 11
Wilson's Snipe -9	Blue Jay – 5	Eastern Meadowlark – 6
Great Blue Heron – 3	American Crow – 132	Red-winged Blackbird – 157
Black Vulture – 4	Common Raven – 4	Brown-headed Cowbird – 3
Turkey Vulture – 63	Carolina Chickadee – 3	Common Grackle – 22
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 1	Tufted Titmouse – 7	
Cooper's Hawk – 1	White Breasted Nuthatch – 3	
Bald Eagle -2	Carolina Wren – 2	
Red-tailed Hawk – 10	European Starling – 732	

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Special thanks to those who drove and to Roy Knispel for keeping up with Ebird lists for the trip!  
Thanks to everyone who participated!

Joe McGuiness