

Results of the November Bird Club Field Trip to the South Holston Weir Dam, South Holston Dam, TWRA Painter Creek Boat Ramp and Musick's Campground

November 15, 2025

Ten members of the Lee and Lois Herndon Chapter participated in a field trip to the South Holston Weir Dam, South Holston Dam, TWRA Painter Creek Boat Ramp and Musick's Campground on November 15th. Weather for the trip consisted of cloudy skies, winds 0-12mph, and temperatures between 46-64°F. We met at the Weir Dam at 8:30am and birded until 1:15pm. We ate at the Rowdy Rooster before splitting up for the day. A total of 49 unique species were observed. Birds of note included: Common Loon, Horned Grebe, Bald Eagle, and Hermit Thrush. Here is the list of species identified. Numbers are from eBird and may vary by observer.

Bird Species	Number	Bird Species	Number
Canada Goose	71	Blue Jay	32
American Widgeon	21	American Crow	13
Mallard	5	Carolina Chickadee	10
Bufflehead	74	Tufted Titmouse	11
Rock Pigeon	50	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	8
Mourning Dove	19	Golden-crowned Kinglet	7
Bonaparte's Gull	6	White-breasted Nuthatch	2
Ring-billed Gull	1	Winter Wren	6
Pied-billed Grebe	8	Carolina Wren	22
Horned Grebe	2	European Starling	122
Common Loon	6	Northern Mockingbird	1
Great Blue Heron	5	Eastern Bluebird	6
Black Vulture	6	Hermit Thrush	6
Turkey Vulture	4	American Robin	5
Bald Eagle	4	Cedar Waxwing	1
Red-tailed Hawk	1	House Finch	4
Eastern Screech Owl	2	American Goldfinch	1
Belted Kingfisher	3	Chipping Sparrow	8
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	6	White-throated Sparrow	13
Red-headed Woodpecker	1	Song Sparrow	4
Red-Bellied Woodpecker	6	Eastern Towhee	3
Downy Woodpecker	5	Yellow-rumped Warbler	8
Pileated Woodpecker	2	Northern Cardinal	12
Northern Flicker	3		
American Kestrel	1		
Eastern Phoebe	2		

Participants: Dave Gardner, Susan Peters, Kim Stroud, Judi Sawyer, Scott Turner, Brookie and Jean Potter, Rob Armistead and his sister Audrey, and Joe McGuiness.

Thanks to everyone who participated! Special thanks to Jean Potter who took care of Ebird while we were driving.

Joe McGuiness