

Results of the Western Washington County Field Trip

January 17, 2026

A total of 3 birders from the Lee and Lois Herndon Chapter of the Tennessee Ornithological Society participated in a field trip to Western Washington County, Tennessee on January 17, 2026. We started out in the rain which ended by 9:30. The skies gradually cleared and we had sunny skies by noon time. Temperatures ranged from 35-45 degrees and winds were 5-15 mph. We met at the Ingle's in Jonesborough at 8:30am and traveled Bob Crookshanks Road, Kyker Road, Saylor Hill Road, Crestview Road, Keebler Road and finished at the Westview Ponds. We also enjoyed lunch at the Mountain View Restaurant before returning home. We were unable to bird Henderson Marsh as several hunters and their dogs were present. A total of 52 species were observed including Peregrine Falcon, Northern House Wren, Red-headed Woodpecker, Eurasian Collared Dove, Fox sparrow, and Northern Harrier. Here is the list of species identified. Numbers are from the ebird report. These numbers may vary for each observer.

Canada Geese -9	American Kestrel -14	House Sparrow – 5
Wild Turkey – 8	Peregrine Falcon – 1	House Finch – 1
Rock Pigeon -75	Eastern Phoebe -3	Purple Finch – 15
Eurasian Collared Dove -3	Blue Jay – 26	American Goldfinch – 22
Mourning Dove – 47	American Crow -14	Field Sparrow – 25
Wilson's Snipe – 1	Carolina Chickadee – 2	Fox Sparrow – 1
Black Vulture – 5	Tufted Titmouse – 3	White-crowned Sparrow- 20
Turkey Vulture – 2	Horned Lark - 15	White-throated Sparrow- 25
Sharp-shinned Hawk – 2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet – 1	Savannah Sparrow – 2
Cooper's Hawk – 1	Golden-Crowned Kinglet – 1	Song Sparrow – 16
Northern Harrier -1	White-breasted Nuthatch – 1	Swamp Sparrow – 8
Red-tailed Hawk – 3	Northern House Wren -1	Eastern Towhee – 4
Belted Kingfisher – 1	Carolina Wren – 13	Eastern Meadowlark – 59
Red-headed Woodpecker – 3	European Starling – 139	Palm Warbler – 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker -5	Brown Thrasher - 1	Yellow-rumped Warbler – 8
Downy Woodpecker – 2	Northern Mockingbird – 22	Northern Cardinal - 13
Hairy Woodpecker – 1	Eastern Bluebird -18	
Northern Flicker - 1	American Robin – 28	

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

Photo 1. Peregrine Feeding on an American Kestrel. Photo by Roy Knispel



Photo 2. Same Peregrine Falcon feeding on American Kestrel. Photo taken by Joe McGuiness



Photo 3. Cooper's Hawk Feeding on a bird. Photo by Roy Knispel.



Photo 4. Fox Sparrow. Photo taken by Roy Knispel.



Joe McGuiness
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