

## Results of the April Bird Club Field Trip to the Kingsport Aquatic Center, Cattail Golf Club, Greenbelt, and Riverport Road

**April 11, 2026**

Five members of the Lee and Lois Herndon Chapter participated in a field trip to the Kingsport Aquatic Center, Holes 10 and 18 on the Cattails Golf Course, the Greenbelt near Moon's Tuxedo and Riverfront Seafood, and Riverport Road on April 11th. Weather for the trip consisted of sunny skies, light winds, and temperatures between 45-75°F. We met at the Aquatic Center at 7:30am and birded until 12:30pm with a lunch stop at the Riverfront Seafood Restaurant. A total of 53 species were observed. Birds of note included: Virginia Rail, Sora, Wilson's Snipe, Yellow-crowned Night Heron, Broad-winged Hawk, and Black-and-white Warbler and Northern Parula. Here is the list of species identified. Numbers are from eBird and may vary by observer.

<b>Bird Species</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Bird Species</b>	<b>Number</b>
Canada Goose	20	Tree Swallow	18
Wood Duck	5	Nor. Rough-winged Swallow	1
Mallard	13	Barn Swallow	1
Rock Pigeon	11	Cliff Swallow	14
Mourning Dove	4	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2
Virginia Rail	1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	3
Sora	1	Carolina Wren	16
Killdeer	1	European Starling	8
Wilson's Snipe	2	Northern Mockingbird	3
Double-crested Cormorant	12	Eastern Bluebird	3
Yellow-crown night Heron	9	American Robin	25
Black Vulture	16	House Finch	2
Turkey Vulture	5	American Goldfinch	7
Osprey	7	Chipping Sparrow	1
Broad-winged Hawk	1	Field Sparrow	1
Belted Kingfisher	1	White-throated Sparrow	3
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3	Song Sparrow	7
Downy Woodpecker	1	Swamp Sparrow	2
Pileated Woodpecker	1	Eastern Towhee	2
American Kestrel	1	Red-winged Blackbird	47
Eastern Phoebe	5	Brown-headed Cowbird	8
Blue Jay	5	Common Grackle	17
American Crow	8	Black-and-white Warbler	1
Fish Crow	4	Northern Parula	1
Carolina Chickadee	7	Yellow-rumped Warbler	10
Tufted Titmouse	7	Yellow-throated Warbler	2
		Northern Cardinal	18

Participants: Dave Gardner, Rick Knight, Joe McGuiness, and Connie and David Irick.

Thanks to everyone who participated! Special thanks to the Iricks for their great photos!

Joe McGuiness

Photo 1. Yellow-crown Night Heron along Greenbelt (photo by David/Connie Irick)

