

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

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**Date:** May 31, 2013

**Location:** Blue Ridge Parkway and Brevard, NC

**Leader:** Elizabeth Galloway



Seven birders had a really enjoyable outing along the Blue Ridge Parkway north of Asheville on Saturday, May 31. We started at the park in Brevard known to local birders as “Hospital Fields,” where one of our favorite sights was a Northern Parula on a nest. We tried for the Willow Flycatchers that have been nearby in recent years, but could not find them.

We then worked our way up US-276, stopping to bird along the way. At Sycamore Flats Picnic Area, we had good looks at Louisiana Waterthrush, and heard Yellow-throated Warbler. Just up the road at the Davidson River Campground, we heard (but could not see) Swainson’s Warbler, and saw Hooded Warbler and Acadian Flycatcher. (Two of us stopped on the way out and got a decent look at the Swainson’s Warbler that we’d heard.) A bit higher, at the Pink Beds, we had looks at Scarlet Tanager and Blackburnian Warbler, and briefly also at Black-throated Blue Warbler.

At the Mount Pisgah picnic area, we were accompanied by Cedar Waxwings and Golden-crowned Kinglets. In the Black Balsam area, we found a great selection, including Alder Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Veery, Golden-crowned Kinglets, and Canada Warbler.

Our 74 total species are listed below.

### Videos

Jan Timmer, a birder visiting from Amsterdam, Netherlands, recorded and shared these videos:

Eastern Bluebird Fledglings      <http://youtu.be/LXZlBzc1Frk>  
Canada Warbler                      <http://youtu.be/nBS-sPmXp-A>

### Species List (74 Total)

Canada Goose	Northern Flicker
Mallard	Pileated Woodpecker
Wild Turkey	Eastern Wood-Pewee
Great Blue Heron	Acadian Flycatcher
Green Heron	Alder Flycatcher
Turkey Vulture	Least Flycatcher
Cooper’s Hawk	Eastern Phoebe
Broad-winged Hawk	Great Crested Flycatcher
Mourning Dove	Eastern Kingbird
Chimney Swift	White-eyed Vireo
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Blue-headed Vireo
Belted Kingfisher	Red-eyed Vireo
Red-bellied Woodpecker	American Crow
Hairy Woodpecker	Common Raven

Tree Swallow  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
House Wren  
Carolina Wren  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Eastern Bluebird  
Veery  
American Robin  
Gray Catbird  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Cedar Waxwing  
Ovenbird  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Black-and-white Warbler  
Swainson's Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat

Hooded Warbler  
American Redstart  
Northern Parula  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Chestnut-sided Warbler  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Black-throated Green Warbler  
Canada Warbler  
Yellow-breasted Chat  
Eastern Towhee  
Field Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Scarlet Tanager  
Northern Cardinal  
Indigo Bunting  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Common Grackle  
House Finch  
American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow



*Canada Warbler, photographed by Michael Oliver*