The day began cold, but not overly unpleasant day due to the calm wind. An estimated 14 participants willingly braved January’s chilly weather.

The outing included stops at Lake Cunningham Park, J. Verne Smith Park at Lake Robinson, and Berry’s Millpond, areas along Few’s Bridge Road on Lake Robinson, and the wetland at the upper end of Lake Robinson. We also birded at Berry’s Millpond (frozen, so no waterfowl) and the old SC fish hatchery, which is on private property. (J.B. has permission from the owner to lead outings there.)

The best bird was a fly-over Great Egret. Other good sightings were Horned Grebe, Red-headed Woodpecker, Hairy Woodpecker, Winter Wren, Rusty Blackbird, and Pine Siskin.

Species List:

- Canada Goose
- Wood Duck
- Mallard
- Bufflehead
- Pied-billed Grebe
- Horned Grebe
- Great Blue Heron
- Great Egret
- Black Vulture
- Cooper’s Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- American Coot
- Pine Siskin
- Killdeer
- Ring-billed Gull
- Mourning Dove
- Red-headed Woodpecker
- Red-bellied Woodpecker
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
- Downy Woodpecker
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker
- Pileated Woodpecker
- Eastern Phoebe
- Blue Jay
- American Crow
- Carolina Chickadee
- Tufted Titmouse
- White-breasted Nuthatch
- Brown Creeper
- Winter Wren
- Carolina Wren
- Golden-crowned Kinglet
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet
- Eastern Bluebird
- Hermit Thrush
- American Robin
- Brown Thrasher
- Northern Mockingbird
- European Starling
- Cedar Waxwing
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Eastern Towhee
- Chipping Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Swamp Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Northern Cardinal
- Red-winged Blackbird
- Rusty Blackbird
- Common Grackle
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch
- Eastern Meadowlark