



High Country Audubon Society

FIELD TRIP REPORT

LOCATION: Burke's Garden, Virginia

DATE: 02/13/2011 TIME (From) 10:00am (To) 03:00pm

LEADER(S): Jim & Doris Ratchford

LIST & NOTES:

We had a slow beginning, but after lunch things picked up. We stopped to observe a raptor, which turned out to be a red-tailed hawk and saw a Bald Eagle. Then we saw two juvenile Bald Eagles in a tree. After moving down the road a little way, we saw two Bald Eagles circling together being harassed by the hawk. Things only got better after this. We next saw the Red-headed Woodpecker (Doris and Jim had seen one earlier in the day). Our next big moment of the day was viewing two juvenile Golden Eagles as they hovered about 20 or 30 feet above the ground. They occasionally would light upon the ground only to fly back up. We watched the show for about 30 minutes before finally moving on. Shortly after this Aaron and Bill spotted a Merlin and Loggerhead Shrike. They led the group back to find the Merlin, but the Loggerhead Shrike had moved on. The weather was chilly (in fact cold) and very windy, but it did manage to reach 50 by 3:00 pm.

Ring-bill Gull	House Sparrow
Pigeons	American Crow
Robins	Rough-legged Hawk
Red-tail Hawk	Turkey Vulture
Black Vulture	Junco
Mallard	Canada Geese
Starlings	Green-wing Teal
American Kestrel	Purple Finch
Red-headed Woodpecker	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker	Gold Finches
Bald Eagle	Juvenile Bald Eagle
Juvenile Golden Eagle	White-breasted Nuthatch
Titmouse	Robin
Killdeer	Loggerhead Shrike
Merlin	Kingfisher
Wild Turkey	Bluebird
Raven	Mourning Dove
Red-shouldered Hawk	

Mammals seen: Camels, Beaver, Llamas, Skunk