

FIELD TRIP REPORT

LOCATION: *Shady Grove Garden in Ashe County*

DATE: *05/18/2010* **TIME:** *08:30 am to 11:00 am*

WEATHER: *Misty morning.*

LEADER(S): *Martha Cutler*_____.

Sightings and Notes:

Those of you who decided the weather was too ominous to venture forth to Shady Grove this morning were right -- we did get wet BUT it was from the knees down. Doug & I met Doris and Jim at the farm and had a very good morning of birding. The paths hadn't been mown recently so by the end of several hours my feet were squelching in my shoes but we didn't get rained on at all and it was easy to ignore the wet feet when there were so many birds around. Right off the bat we heard golden-winged warblers which we could not locate despite our best efforts, but by the end of the morning we had seen enough of them to scoff at the still-hidden ones we had tried so hard to find earlier. I definitely recommend this as a great place to visit but be prepared for steep hills and possibly wet and slick grassy paths. Doris is going to put information on the website because you need to call before going out there.

Bird List:

Rufous-sided towhee

Field sparrow

Hooded warbler

American crow

Chestnut-sided warbler

American goldfinch

Yellow warbler

Red-winged blackbird



Indigo bunting

Gray catbird

Golden-winged warbler

Brown headed cowbirds

American robin

Tufted titmouse

Carolina chickadee

Red-eyed vireo

Song sparrow

Ovenbird

Common yellowthroat

Ruby-throated hummingbird

Yellow-breasted chat

Great crested flycatcher

American redstart

Mourning dove

Willow flycatcher

Phoebe

Blue-winged warbler (a first for me!)

Red-tailed hawk

Northern cardinal

Scarlet tanager

Common raven

Yellow-throated vireo

Cedar waxwing

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