

Tellico Village Birding Club Newsletter – November 2024

Next Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting will take place 6 PM Tuesday, December 3rd in Room D of the Chota Recreation Center. Jon North, head golf superintendent, will discuss the Audubon certification process.



Birds Of Tellico Village Videos

Episode 7 is in the process of being produced. This episode will cover Northern Flicker, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Brown Creeper and Yellow-rumped Warbler.

Episode 6: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6cX_HFWi094

Episode 5: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pvqudrqFJpc>

Episode 4: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8nV2ooMldQ&t=40s>

Episode 3: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PslripyEveU&t=200s>

Episode 2: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aYRmThHKpMI&t=244s>

Episode 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mckVH7dfLXY>

Merlin goes to Cape Town

My wife and I recently visited Cape Town, South Africa. Before going I added the South Africa bird pack to the Merlin Bird Id app. Not long after arriving at our hotel I stepped outside and almost instantly the first bird popped up, a House Sparrow (I kid you not). Despite there being a few other bird calling, nothing else popped up so I went back inside.

Later that day we were at the Kirstenbosch Botanical garden and I fired up Merlin Bird Id standing 30 feet away from a bird calling loudly from the top a bush. I was surprised that Merlin not pop up an identification. There was however a note I had ignored earlier in the day which stated that birds in my current location may not be identified. Clicking on the note there was an explanation that only twenty percent of the potential birds were in the bird pack and that the Cornell Lab needed quality audio files of the remaining eighty percent to add them to the bird pack.

So as it turned out Merlin Bird ID was a complete bust in Cape Town and I did not use it at all after that. Amazing how spoiled we are by the way it works so well in the United States. I'd be curious as to what experiences members have had in other areas of the world.

Bird Walk At Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park

Club member David Verhulst produced the following Ebird entry for our bird walk in Hiwassee/Ocoee Scenic River State Park:

Nov 7, 2024

9:02 AM

Traveling

1.63 miles

113 Minutes

All birds reported? Yes

Comments: Submitted from eBird for iOS, version 3.1.2 Build 3.1.5

1 Red-shouldered Hawk
1 Red-bellied Woodpecker
1 Downy Woodpecker
1 Pileated Woodpecker
1 Northern Flicker
2 Eastern Phoebe
1 Blue Jay
2 American Crow
7 Carolina Chickadee
4 Tufted Titmouse
1 Carolina Wren
2 Eastern Bluebird
1 Hermit Thrush
2 American Robin
5 Cedar Waxwing
1 House Finch
1 American Goldfinch
4 White-throated Sparrow
1 Song Sparrow
1 Yellow-rumped Warbler
1 Northern Cardinal

Number of Taxa: 21

Member Contribution – Linda Foster

Linda provided a link to a “Bird Longevity Quiz” ...

<https://qz.app.do/bird-longevity-how-long-do-birds-live>

Member Contribution – Michael Elkins

From Michael: “A new bird for me today. A purple finch hit the feeder. Pics were a little blurry as I was hand held and fully zoomed in”.

