

Trip Report: June 13, 2015 Nichol Road, Raccoon Creek State Park Submitted by: Judy Stark and Kathy Saunders

Birds:

Red eyed vireo
Wood Thrush
Scarlet Tanager
Field Sparrow
N. Flicker
Gray Catbird
American Robin
Song Sparrow
Cedar Waxwings
Hooded Warbler
Eastern Pewee
Ovenbird
E. Towhee
Chipping Sparrow
House Wren
Tree Swallow
E. Bluebird
N. Cardinal
Common Yellowthroat
White breasted Nuthatch
Chickadee
American Crow
Acadian Flycatcher

We had an excellent walk, especially for birds. (saw many and heard many more), The Hooded Warbler and female Scarlet Tanager with food in its beak were highlights for me. I also enjoyed seeing the Tree Swallow and Blue bird, living in the bird houses in the meadow. Plus, several LARGE American Black Ant hills, 1-2 feet high. In the trail around the meadow, they were biting, so we left! The ranger said they are multiplying.



Plants:

Sweet Cicely
Yarrow
Wood Anemone
Daisy Fleabane
Oxeye Daisy
Rough fruited cinquefoil
Seedbox
Black medic
Chickweed
Downy yellow violet in seed
Elderberry
Smooth Sumac
Cucumber Magnolia
Liverwort
Boulder Lichen
Rattlesnake fern
Lady fern
Sweet pea
Rose
Tiger Lily
Yucca



Butterflies:

Spicebush swallowtail
Question Mark
Comma
Pearly Eye
Cabbage White
Tiger Swallowtail

