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RESULTS OF GOS SPRING 2000 FIELD TRIP

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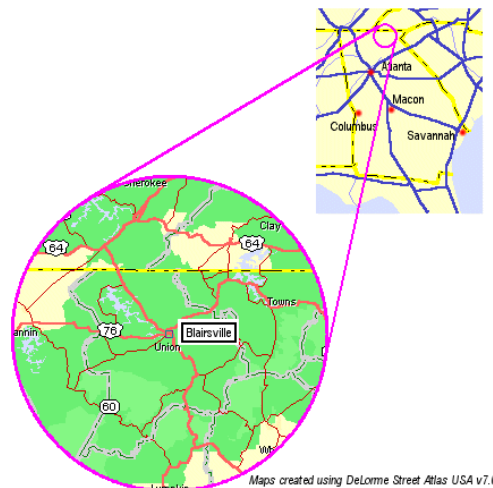
Blairsville, GA

James F. Flynn, Jr., Field Trip Leader

15 Registered Participants



The spring field trip featured a serene section of the Chattahoochee National Forest along Ivy Log Gap Rd. plus a few other sites in the Blairsville/Young Harris areas of extreme north central Georgia. The field trip began in the parking lot of the Ingles grocery store in Blairsville, where Willow Flycatchers were first discovered nesting in 1997 by Dot Freeman. Four of these flycatchers were located along the brushy edges of the parking lot, one of the few areas where this species is known to nest in Georgia. The field trip next included a stop along Byers Creek Rd. outside of Young Harris for low elevation piedmont species, and the last pavement before the Forest Service Rd. which eventually turns into Ivy Log Gap Rd. Birding this road is a hit-or-miss proposition, but the best tactic is to slowly drive the road with the vehicle windows open until activity is either detected by sight or sound, then walking along the road, listening carefully for the many species of warblers and other neotropical migrants which nest along the road. As is the case with many field trips such as this, hearing the birds and finding them in the canopy can be quite frustrating, but persistence and patience normally pays off. Twenty-three species of warblers were found on the trip, not all of them summer residents, but included were several Cerulean Warblers. Ivy Log Gap is one of the very few areas of the state where this species is suspected of nesting, and a target bird of the trip.



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SPECIES COUNTDOWN

83 species observed

The following table contains a list of the species reported.

Black Vulture	Eastern Kingbird	Brown Thrasher	Ovenbird
Turkey Vulture	White-eyed Vireo	European Starling	Kentucky Warbler
Canada Goose	Yellow-throated Vireo	Cedar Waxwing	Common Yellowthroat
Osprey	Blue-headed Vireo	Blue-winged Warbler	Hooded Warbler
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Red-eyed Vireo	Tennessee Warbler	Yellow-breasted Chat
Red-shouldered Hawk	Blue Jay	Northern Parula	Scarlet Tanager
Broad-winged Hawk	American Crow	Yellow Warbler	Eastern Towhee
Red-tailed Hawk	Northern Rough-winged Swallow	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Chipping Sparrow
Killdeer	Barn Swallow	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Field Sparrow
Mourning Dove	Carolina Chickadee	Black-throated Green Warbler	Song Sparrow
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Tufted Titmouse	Blackburnian Warbler	Northern Cardinal
Chimney Swift	White-breasted Nuthatch	Yellow-throated Warbler	Indigo Bunting
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Carolina Wren	Pine Warbler	Bobolink
Hairy Woodpecker	House Wren	Prairie Warbler	Red-winged Blackbird
Northern Flicker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Palm Warbler	Eastern Meadowlark
Pileated Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird	Bay-breasted Warbler	Common Grackle
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Swainson's Thrush	Blackpoll Warbler	Brown-headed Cowbird
Acadian Flycatcher	Wood Thrush	Cerulean Warbler	House Finch
Willow Flycatcher	American Robin	Black-and-white Warbler	American Goldfinch
Eastern Phoebe	Gray Catbird	American Redstart	House Sparrow
Great Crested Flycatcher	Northern Mockingbird	Worm-eating Warbler	

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