



SOAR RECAP OCTOBER 18TH 2025

A small group consisting of Lee, myself (Becky), Ian, Jean and a new-comer: Jeff from Shippensburg, headed out on a cool overcast morning at Buttonwood. The common species were all there including the chickadees, white-breasted nuthatches, and blue jays that we did not see two weeks ago.

The species continue to shift away from summer migratory species like indigo buntings and chimney swifts to winter species like dark-eyed juncos. There was a noticeable lack of soaring birds, likely due to the lack of good thermals. No hawks or ravens and no vultures until we were back at the vehicles and ready to leave. We joked that we were not going to leave until we had a vulture when a turkey vulture came flying up out of the trees.

We got a nice look at a blue-headed vireo in the trees along the trail in between the two fields behind the barn. Sightings of a brown creeper and both red and golden-crowned kinglets were other highlights of the walk. We look forward to having Larry and Sharon back as leaders for our next bird walk.

NEXT SOAR WALK: NOVEMBER 1ST
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SPECIES LIST



American crow

American goldfinch

American robin

Belted kingfisher

Blue-headed vireo

Blue jay

Brown creeper

Brown-headed cowbird

Canada goose

C/BC chickadee

Carolina wren

Cedar waxwing

Chipping sparrow

Common grackle

Dark-eyed junco

Downy woodpecker

Eastern bluebird

European starling

Golden-crowned kinglet

Gray catbird

House finch

Mallard

Mourning dove

Northern cardinal

Northern flicker

Northern mockingbird

Red-bellied woodpecker

Rock pigeon

Ruby-crowned kinglet

Song sparrow

Tufted titmouse

Turkey vulture

White-breasted

nuthatch

White-throated sparrow

Yellow-rumped warbler