

Community Activity Report

1.	Neighborhood	Stoney brook Estates
2.	Class name and Instructor	Discover your own Backyard; Larry Zoller, Lena Gallitano and Linda Pearsall of Wake Audubon Society
3.	Date, time and location when class was held	March 11, 2017; 9-11am. Started at Hampton Valley Rd. Loop around Oakridge and Willow brook.
4.	Adult volunteer coordinator(s)	Richard W. Carroll and Marina Crosby
5.	Youth volunteer coordinator(s)	-
6.	# of participants	9
7.	How was the Class advertised in the neighborhood?	Stoneybrook Garden Club via Email, neighborhood flyers, and Facebook as well as Stoneybrook webpage on CGNP webpage.
8.	How did the class go? A brief description	<p>Wonderful program on a beautiful, cool, early spring day in the neighborhood. Larry and his 2 expert colleagues from Wake Audubon, Lena and Linda, pointed out and discussed exotic as well as native plants and their importance as food, habitat and substrate for birds and animals. The value of intact and mulched leaf litter for providing fertile soil, habitat for insects and reptiles was discussed. Instructors laid emphasis on conserving vertical structures including underbrush for cover, nesting and feeding, mid-and high canopy for foraging to help maximize the habitat for most birds. The participants saw several species of plant and birds during the walk.</p> <p>The highlight of the class came about towards the last bend in the class route. While the participants were watching a mixed flock of robins and grackles, a beautiful Cooper's Hawk swooped in, nabbed a robin, posed for a few seconds and flew off with its meal! This was a very dramatic grand finale for everyone!</p>
9.	Incentives/giveaways if any offered	<p>Audubon provided an informative brochure on list of native plants that help attract birds in backyards. They also gave away seeds for the NC Botanical Garden's Wildflower of the Year -Hollow-stem joe-pie-weed.</p> <p>The project provided 1 gallon pots of native plants for each participant.</p>



10.	Any green event guidelines followed?	Many! Minimal paper or any other waste to promote the program or during the program. The class was outdoors in fresh spring air. Minimum number of brochures made available from Audubon, but few taken as most had the information from previous events. On line resources were pointed out. Electronic thank you's.
11.	Photos	  



