

TNP VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

BORO BIRDERS



get to know...

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Community birding organization serving Rutherford County



Monthly guided bird walks led by experienced volunteers at some of the area's best birding locations



BirdEd: quarterly educational program

- **Nest box management**
- **Bird photography**
- **Tips to become better birders and stewards of wildlife**

MISSION

To connect people with birds and nature through education, recreation, and conservation while serving birders of all experience levels throughout our community.



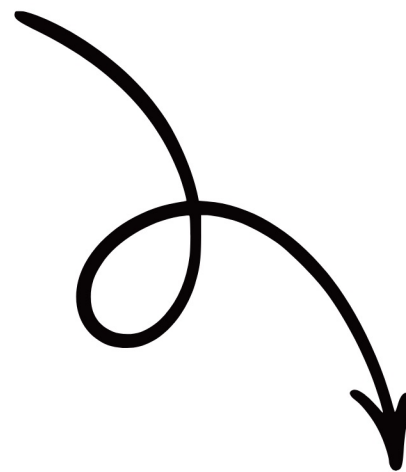
A GROWING FLOCK

I became involved with the project when Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation asked if I would help organize a community birding group. **I welcomed the opportunity to bring other birders together while introducing the joy of birding.** Since Boro Birders was organized in April 2025, I have been involved in planning, organizing, and leading the group as **it has grown into an active community of birders and lifelong learners.**

Boro Birders is growing and developing into a thriving community. **Seeing members become actively involved, share their knowledge and take on leadership roles that will continue to inspire others in the future is a reward.**



AUGUST 2025



AUGUST 2026

VOLUNTEER IMPACT

CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

The greatest impact I've seen has been in our community. **Boro Birders** has brought together people of all ages and experience levels who share a common bond of birds and nature.

Seeing others gain confidence in their own skills to identify birds and understand their conservation needs has enabled them to **step into roles that only help strengthen a positive outcome for nature.**

PERSONAL REWARD

My love of birds is what keeps me coming back. Birding is a lifelong journey. There is something new to learn and appreciate about their beauty, behavior, and the habitats they depend on.

Volunteering with Boro Birders has helped me develop my skills at identifying birds by their songs and calls. Showing others how to complete citizen science data into eBird and Cornell University's programs helps birds tremendously.

THE IMPACT OF TNP

The Tennessee Naturalist Program gave me the **knowledge, confidence and connections** to become more involved in environmental education and community outreach.

Through TNP, I began volunteering monthly with Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation, leading educational nature programs for the public. It has also opened doors to collaborate with other organizations in Rutherford County.

