

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Date:** October 15, 2011

**Location:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

**Leader:** Paul Serridge

**Comments:** 12 GCBC members and 5 guests participated – the best Conestee turn-out in quite a while. The weather was perfect for birding – cool at the start and gradually warming up as the morning progressed. It took us 2 hours to get from the Spanco trailhead to the second board-walk on the paved trail – that is less than 1 mile. The variety of birds along that section was wonderful and included warbler species. The high-light was probably the Bay-breasted Warblers, beautiful birds. We covered most of the trails, but not all of them, on both sides of the Reedy River. Carpooling between the stadium area and Spanco Drive allowed us to do the trails without back-tracking anywhere. We listed 54 species, a one-day record for any month of October, and raised the month-to-date total to 80 species.

**Bird List:**

- Canada Goose 39
- Wood Duck 2
- Mallard (Domestic type) 29    25 flyovers in 3 small flocks in V formation. Probably NOT domestic type.
- Great Blue Heron 5
- Cooper's Hawk 1
- Red-shouldered Hawk 2
- hawk sp. 1    Small, pointed wings, possible Merlin.
- Killdeer 3
- Mourning Dove 15
- Chimney Swift 4
- Belted Kingfisher 4
- Red-bellied Woodpecker 8
- Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5
- Downy Woodpecker 8
- Northern Flicker 5
- Pileated Woodpecker 1
- Eastern Wood-Pewee 3
- Eastern Phoebe 4
- Red-eyed Vireo 4
- Blue Jay 12
- American Crow 2
- Carolina Chickadee 12

Tufted Titmouse 9  
Brown-headed Nuthatch 3  
Carolina Wren 9  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 1  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1  
Eastern Bluebird 9  
American Robin 6  
Gray Catbird 1  
Northern Mockingbird 5  
Brown Thrasher 4  
European Starling 42  
Cedar Waxwing 7  
Tennessee Warbler 2  
Cape May Warbler 1  
Northern Parula 1  
Magnolia Warbler 8  
Bay-breasted Warbler 3  
Blackburnian Warbler 2  
Black-throated Blue Warbler 2  
Palm Warbler 1  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 16  
Yellow-throated Warbler 1  
Black-throated Green Warbler 2  
Eastern Towhee 2  
Northern Cardinal 8  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1  
Indigo Bunting 1  
Red-winged Blackbird 3  
Common Grackle 250  
Brown-headed Cowbird 12  
House Finch 1  
American Goldfinch 3