

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Dates: May 16, 2009

Locations: Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Leader: Paul Serridge

Comments: 6 GCBC members and 2 guests birded Lake Conestee Nature Park. Four of us started at the overlook at 7 a.m. The lake held several families of Canada Geese and Wood Ducks with many young. A female Mallard had 9 young in tow. We walked on the new lakeside trail as far as the wetland area where a Prothonotary warbler had been seen and heard since late April. We heard the bird quite clearly but the foliage was abundant and we were unable to catch sight of it. It would be nice if we could confirm nesting by this beautiful warbler.

In the same general area there is a Red-shouldered Hawk's nest and we observed both adults and one young on the nest. It rained slightly at that point but not too seriously. However, when we got to the Belmont FD trailhead the rain had started in earnest and we took shelter on the FD porch until it eased off. We birded the sewer access trail as far as the new large boardwalk. Birds were few and far between and not very vocal. When the rain came down heavily again we decided to abandon the outing.

One member of our group continued on the trails but later sent me an e-mail to say that there were not many birds but he was able to add Green Heron to the morning's list bringing it to 32.

--Paul Serridge

Bird List: **Species:**

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Green Heron
Red-shouldered Hawk
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Barred Owl
Chimney Swift

Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Eastern Phoebe
White-eyed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Barn Swallow
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Eastern Bluebird
Northern Mockingbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Prothonotary Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Northern Cardinal
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Brown-headed Cowbird
House Finch
House Sparrow