

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

- Date:** Saturday, March 17, 2012
- Location:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC
- Leader:** Paul Serridge
- Comments:** 12 GCBC members and 2 guests participated in a good morning's birding at Conestee. Apart from a very brief sprinkle of rain the weather was excellent for birding. THE highlight of the morning was the sighting of American Bitterns in 2 totally separate places by separate observers at the same time. That was the first time this season that we have gotten proof that there are, indeed, two Bitterns present at Conestee!

The complete list of 56 species follows.

Bird List:

Canada Goose 23
Wood Duck 9
Mallard 5
Blue-winged Teal 1 Male seen near beaver lodge
Pied-billed Grebe 5
American Bittern 2 One seen at lake edge in West Bay,
other seen at same time from old long boardwalk over
slough.
Great Blue Heron 6 All 5 nests occupied.
Turkey Vulture 4
Red-shouldered Hawk 3
American Coot 1
Killdeer 4
Wilson's Snipe 3 Seen from Spanco Drive overlook on
muddy point between lake and Reedy River.
Mourning Dove 6
Belted Kingfisher 2
Red-bellied Woodpecker 9
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 3
Downy Woodpecker 8
Northern Flicker 3
Pileated Woodpecker 1
Eastern Phoebe 7
Blue-headed Vireo 3
Blue Jay 6
American Crow 2

Northern Rough-winged Swallow 4
Carolina Chickadee 12
Tufted Titmouse 11
White-breasted Nuthatch 2
Brown-headed Nuthatch 4
Brown Creeper 2
Carolina Wren 15
Winter Wren 1 Singing
Golden-crowned Kinglet 2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4
Eastern Bluebird 2
Hermit Thrush 2
American Robin 45
Northern Mockingbird 4
Brown Thrasher 10
European Starling 15
Cedar Waxwing 20
Common Yellowthroat 5
Pine Warbler 3
Yellow-rumped Warbler 6
Eastern Towhee 12
Chipping Sparrow 1
Field Sparrow 4
Song Sparrow 3
Swamp Sparrow 5
White-throated Sparrow 6
Dark-eyed Junco 14
Northern Cardinal 15
Red-winged Blackbird 4
Common Grackle 2
Brown-headed Cowbird 8
House Finch 2
American Goldfinch 6