

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

- Dates:** April 18, 2009
- Locations:** Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC
- Leader:** Paul Serridge
- Comments:** Today's outing was a part of the Greenville County Spring Migration Count Day.

Comments submitted by trip leader, Paul Serridge:

9 GCBC members and 6 guests participated in the Spring Migration Count at Lake Conestee Nature Park. Four of us started at the overlook at 6.30 a.m. It was still dark! However, a few minutes later our early start was rewarded by the sight of a Greater Yellowlegs on the mud-flats in the lake and a Blue Grosbeak in a bush just below the edge of the overlook. Three of the party birded the trail along the lake while the leader went to meet other participants at the Belmont FD at 7 a.m. The entire group met up again at the boardwalk on the white trail.

We spent the morning in the main part of the park. Our combined list stood at 68 by 12.30 pm. This total equaled the existing one-day record for LCNP in April 2008. After lunch at the Reedy River Smokehouse and Grill in Conestee, 8 of us went to the Forrester Farm section of the park next to the old Municipal Baseball Stadium (not yet open to the public). The afternoon's birding was far less productive than the morning session but we did add 3 species to the list and spotted a pair of Cormorants at the lake. 3 of us then returned to the overlook just in case anything new had shown up and added another 2 species (Black Vulture and House Sparrow) to give a final total of 73 species and a new record for the park.

Highlights were Barred Owl, Greater Yellowlegs, Double-crested Cormorant, Great-crested Flycatcher, Chestnut-sided, Blue-winged and Hooded Warblers, Scarlet Tanager, Blue Grosbeak, Orchard Oriole and a Pine Siskin (rather late in the year for this species).

It had been a very enjoyable and rewarding outing.

Bird List:**Species:**

Canada Goose	20
Wood Duck	11
Mallard	11
Double-crested Cormorant	6
Great Blue Heron	5
Green Heron	2
Black Vulture	1
Turkey Vulture	2
Cooper's Hawk	2
Red-shouldered Hawk	2
Red-tailed Hawk	2
Killdeer	1
Greater Yellowlegs	1
Solitary Sandpiper	5
Rock Pigeon	7
Mourning Dove	12
Barred Owl	1
Chimney Swift	8
Belted Kingfisher	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	5
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	3
Downy Woodpecker	6
Hairy Woodpecker	1
Eastern Phoebe	7
Great-crested Flycatcher	2
White-eyed Vireo	8
Blue-headed Vireo	1
Red-eyed Vireo	4
Blue Jay	15
American Crow	10
Fish Crow	2
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	12
Barn Swallow	10
Carolina Chickadee	10
Tufted Titmouse	10
Brown-headed Nuthatch	2
Carolina Wren	5
House Wren	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	5
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	18
Eastern Bluebird	3
Hermit Thrush	1
Wood Thrush	3
American Robin	2
Northern Mockingbird	3

Brown Thrasher	6
European Starling	12
Cedar Waxwing	20
Blue-winged Warbler	1
Northern Parula	2
Chestnut-sided Warbler	1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	16
Pine Warbler	10
Black and White Warbler	3
Common Yellowthroat	16
Hooded Warbler	2
Scarlet Tanager	1
Eastern Towhee	14
Field Sparrow	2
Song Sparrow	2
Swamp Sparrow	5
White-throated Sparrow	35
Northern Cardinal	15
Blue Grosbeak	1
Indigo Bunting	2
Red-winged Blackbird	18
Common Grackle	20
Brown-headed Cowbird	6
Orchard Oriole	2
House Finch	1
Pine Siskin	1
American Goldfinch	6
House Sparrow	2
73 species	473