

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Dates:** August 16, 2008

**Locations** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

**Leader** Paul Serridge

Seven club members (Jeff Catlin, Don Faulkner, Chip Gilbert, David Kirk, Jane Kramer, Barbara and Paul Serridge) and 3 guests participated in a very productive morning's birding at Lake Conestee Nature Park. A few of us started at the overlook near the dam in Conestee and had 23 species in 40 minutes or so – a promising start.

We also noted that a boardwalk along the edge of the lake is under construction. This is part of the second phase of trail development in the Park, which, when completed will allow direct access to the heart of the Park from the overlook and open up some parts of the wetlands area which are currently difficult to get to.

Birding on the trails was slow but steady. A Great Egret seen flying over the Henderson Farm pasture was a nice addition to our list. On the red trail we encountered a small mixed flock of warblers (Black-throated Blue, Yellow-throated, American Redstart, Black-and-white). These, added to the already reported Northern Parula and Common Yellowthroat, gave us a satisfying list of 6 warbler species. It looks as though the migration is under way and the prospects are good for next Saturday's outing to Jackson Park, often a warbler trap.

When we finished the trails the morning's list stood at an impressive 51 species. We added one more during a second stop at the overlook where we spotted 2 immature Yellow-crowned Night-herons.

52 species in mid-August is a very satisfying total! Month to date the list stands at 59.

I checked the records from last year. The August club outing to Conestee in 2007 yielded only 31 species and the total for the month was only 54.

**Bird List:** Species:

Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Great Blue Heron  
Great Egret  
Green Heron

Yellow-crowned Night Heron  
Turkey Vulture  
Cooper's Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Rock Pigeon  
Mourning Dove  
Chimney Swift  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Eastern Phoebe  
Great-crested Flycatcher  
Eastern Kingbird  
White-eyed Vireo  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown-headed Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
House Wren  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird  
American Robin  
Gray Catbird  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Northern Parula  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Black and White Warbler  
American Redstart  
Common Yellowthroat  
Eastern Towhee  
Field Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal  
Blue Grosbeak  
Indigo Bunting  
Common Grackle  
House Finch  
American Goldfinch