

# Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Date:** Saturday Aug 18, 2012

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

**Leader:** Paul Serridge

## **Comments:**

Only 3 GCBC members participated in the outing at Conestee, but fortunately plenty of bird species showed up.

It was cloudy, temperatures stayed in the low 70s, and the rain which seemed to threaten most of the morning did not arrive until the walk was almost over.

We spent the first 2 hours covering the West and then East Bays from the stadium side of the park. The birding was very slow and rather disappointing.

It picked up after we drove to Spanco Drive to bird the paved trail loop. Soon after starting the trail we saw the recently reported Great Egret flying across the lake.

We found a good pocket of activity near the bird feeders and then another near Marrowbone Creek.

In all we listed 42 species, a very reasonable total in mid-August. Had some of the expected species shown themselves we could very easily have approached or surpassed 50.

## **Bird list:**

Mallard (Domestic type) 3  
Great Blue Heron 1  
Great Egret 1  
Red-shouldered Hawk 2  
Killdeer 4  
Rock Pigeon 2  
Mourning Dove 8  
Chimney Swift 4  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird 3  
Belted Kingfisher 4  
Red-bellied Woodpecker 5  
Downy Woodpecker 9  
Hairy Woodpecker 1  
Eastern Wood-Pewee 1  
Eastern Phoebe 3  
Great Crested Flycatcher 1  
White-eyed Vireo 1  
Blue Jay 2  
American Crow 3  
Carolina Chickadee 4  
Tufted Titmouse 2

White-breasted Nuthatch 2  
Brown-headed Nuthatch 4  
Carolina Wren 14  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 4  
Eastern Bluebird 6  
American Robin 100 Probably more than 100.  
Gray Catbird 3  
Northern Mockingbird 11  
Brown Thrasher 1  
European Starling 15  
Common Yellowthroat 1  
American Redstart 1 Female  
Northern Parula 1  
Pine Warbler 2  
warbler sp. 1 Probable Chestnut-sided but not certain.  
Chipping Sparrow 1  
Scarlet Tanager 1 Female  
Northern Cardinal 12  
Indigo Bunting 1  
Common Grackle 1  
House Finch 3  
American Goldfinch 12