

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

- Date:** Saturday, February 18, 2012
- Location:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC
- Leader:** Paul Serridge
- Comments:** 5 GCBC members and 1 guest participated in a good morning's birding at Conestee. There was a 5K race starting at the ball fields at 8.30 and so, instead of first birding the loop at the East Bay, we car-pooled to the Spanco Drive trailhead and left the East Bay to the end. Near the dam Jeff Click heard and then found a singing House Wren, a rare bird at Conestee in winter and the first ever in February. The weather was excellent for birding, cool at the start and gradually warming up as the morning progressed. We reported 49 species (list below). The Red-shouldered Hawks were observed rebuilding their nest near the bird feeders and several Great Blue Herons were on and around the nests in the tall trees in the center of the marsh. A heron has been seen sitting on one of the nests – incubating already? Today's list brought the month's total to 61, the second highest total in any month of February but still well short of last year's total of 69. Jane Kramer entered the morning's list in the Great Backyard Bird Count which ran from Feb 17 through Feb 20.

- Bird List:**
- Canada Goose 26
  - Wood Duck 9
  - Mallard 17
  - Pied-billed Grebe 1
  - Great Blue Heron 7
  - Turkey Vulture 2
  - Red-shouldered Hawk 4
  - Killdeer 3
  - Rock Pigeon 2
  - Mourning Dove 13
  - Belted Kingfisher 3
  - Red-bellied Woodpecker 6
  - Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 4
  - Downy Woodpecker 8
  - Northern Flicker 6
  - Pileated Woodpecker 1
  - Eastern Phoebe 8
  - Blue Jay 3

American Crow 8  
Fish Crow 3  
Carolina Chickadee 21  
Tufted Titmouse 18  
White-breasted Nuthatch 1  
Brown-headed Nuthatch 7  
Brown Creeper 3  
Carolina Wren 12  
House Wren 1  
Golden-crowned Kinglet 9  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6  
Eastern Bluebird 9  
Hermit Thrush 4  
American Robin 45  
Northern Mockingbird 4  
Brown Thrasher 6  
European Starling 20  
Pine Warbler 9  
Yellow-rumped Warbler 8  
Eastern Towhee 8  
Field Sparrow 1  
Fox Sparrow 4  
Song Sparrow 19  
Swamp Sparrow 9  
White-throated Sparrow 26  
Dark-eyed Junco 14  
Northern Cardinal 22  
Red-winged Blackbird 45  
Common Grackle 4  
House Finch 8  
American Goldfinch 7