

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Dates: July 18, 2009

Locations: Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Leader: Paul Serridge

Comments: Submitted by trip leader:
11 GCBC members and 7 guests birded Lake Conestee Nature Park LCNP). 6 of us started at the overlook on Spanco Drive at 7 a.m. before going to the trailhead at the Belmont FD to meet the rest of the group at 8 a.m. In that way we were able to get an early start on the new paved lakeside trail which is proving to be the "birdiest" trail in the park.

4 of our guests were first time birders and mid-July is not the best time of the year to see birds. However, we did see a few and heard a good many more.

The morning's total of 51 species was a record for any single day in July since we started keeping bird records in LCNP in December 2006. The birding highlights were Great Egrets (3), an immature Black-crowned Night Heron, a Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Northern Parulas (2), a Black and White Warbler, and a male Scarlet Tanager (in intermediate breeding / non-breeding plumage showing large patches of yellow in several places).

Given the success on the new paved trail, all future GCBC outings to LCNP will start at the trailhead at the overlook on Spanco Drive near the dam in Conestee village.

Bird List: **Species:**

Canada Goose
Wood Duck
Mallard
Great Blue Heron
Great Egret
Green Heron
Black-crowned Night Heron
Turkey Vulture
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
American Coot
Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove
Yellow-billed Cuckoo
Chimney Swift
Ruby-throated Hummingbird
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker
Eastern Phoebe
Great-crested Flycatcher
Eastern Kingbird
White-eyed Vireo
Red-eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
American Crow
Fish Crow
Barn Swallow
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
Northern Parula
Black and White Warbler
Common Yellowthroat
Scarlet Tanager
Eastern Towhee
Northern Cardinal
Indigo Bunting
Red-winged Blackbird
Common Grackle
Brown-headed Cowbird
American Goldfinch