

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

- Dates:** September 19, 2009
- Locations:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC
- Leader:** Paul Serridge
- Comments:** Submitted by Paul Serridge:  
Despite the forecast for rain 6 GCBC members showed up at the overlook trailhead near the dam in Conestee between 7 and 7.30 a.m. to participate in the Fall Migrating Bird Count, part of the effort organized county-wide by JB Hines. The morning began well as we observed three Blue-winged Teal among the usual Mallards, Wood Ducks on Lake Conestee. Shortly after 7.30 the rain began in earnest and we all took shelter in our vehicles. By 8.15, the rain still coming down hard, 4 of us aborted the outing. Chip and Sara Gilbert decided to wait a little longer and at 8.30 when the rain stopped they were able to bird the trails in the park. They reported 44 species.
- When the rain stopped at our home around 10 a.m. Barbara and I decided to go back to the overlook and try our luck in the park. We birded the trails until 12.45, had some lunch, and then made a quick visit to the north end of Lake Conestee in the Forrester Farm section of the park (the part not yet open to the public).
- Our final tally was 44 species – the same total as that of Chip and Sara, but when we combined the lists the total species came to 54. (3 days later Jane Kramer and I birded the park trails in good weather and had a total of 61 species.)

**Bird List:** **Species:**

Canada Goose	40
Wood Duck	32
Mallard	8
Blue-winged Teal	3
Pied-billed Grebe	1
Great Blue Heron	2
Great Egret	1
Turkey Vulture	1
Red-shouldered Hawk	2
American Coot	1
Killdeer	1

Rock Pigeon	8	
Mourning Dove	9	
Chimney Swift	35	
Ruby-throated Hummingbird		4
Belted Kingfisher	1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	5	
Downy Woodpecker	2	
Hairy Woodpecker	1	
Eastern Wood Pewee		1
Eastern Phoebe	6	
White-eyed Vireo	2	
Red-eyed Vireo	1	
Blue Jay	4	
American Crow	4	
Carolina Chickadee	7	
Tufted Titmouse	14	
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	
Brown-headed Nuthatch	1	
Carolina Wren	3	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		5
Eastern Bluebird	2	
Swainson's Thrush	3	
American Robin	2	
Gray Catbird	2	
Northern Mockingbird		8
Brown Thrasher	5	
European Starling	15	
Northern Parula	1	
Chestnut-sided Warbler		3
Magnolia Warbler	2	
Black-throated Green Warbler		2
American Redstart	1	
Common Yellowthroat		1
Scarlet Tanager	1	
Eastern Towhee	1	
White-throated Sparrow		1
Northern Cardinal	12	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak		2
Blue Grosbeak	2	
Indigo Bunting	4	
Baltimore Oriole	1	
House Finch	5	
American Goldfinch	5	

54 species

total bird count 288