

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Dates:** June 20, 2009

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

**Leader:** Paul Serridge

**Comments:** Submitted by trip leader:  
4 GCBC members and 5 guests birded Lake Conestee Nature Park. The 4 GCBC members started early at the overlook near the dam to bird the newly surfaced lakeside trail which goes along the side of the lake, crosses three boardwalks and eventually joins up with the original paved trail.

At 8am we met up with the 5 non-members at the Belmont Fire Department trailhead. Fortunately, temperatures were not as high as forecasted and we were in the shade most of the time – but it was rather sticky!

We listed 55 species – easily the best one-day total in June since we started keeping records in 2007. At this time of year the foliage is very dense and we heard more birds than we saw, which was rather frustrating for 3 of the guests who were birding for the very first time.

Highlights included an American Coot on the lake, a Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Pileated and Hairy Woodpeckers, 4 species of Flycatcher, a singing Wood Thrush, and 4 warblers, including a single Prothonotary Warbler which we heard from the long boardwalk near the junction of the red and blue trails.

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

Canada Goose  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Great Blue Heron  
Green Heron  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
American Coot  
Rock Pigeon  
Mourning Dove  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Chimney Swift  
Belted Kingfisher

Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Pileated Woodpecker  
Acadian Flycatcher  
Eastern Phoebe  
Great-crested Flycatcher  
Eastern Kingbird  
White-eyed Vireo  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Fish Crow  
Purple Martin  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown-headed Nuthatch  
Carolina Wren  
House Wren  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird  
Wood Thrush  
American Robin  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Northern Parula  
Pine Warbler  
Prothonotary Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Eastern Towhee  
Field Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal  
Blue Grosbeak  
Indigo Bunting  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Orchard Oriole  
American Goldfinch