

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Dates: August 21, 2010

Locations: Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Leader: Paul Serridge

Comments: 10 GCBC members and 4 guests participated. Before going to the Spanco Drive meeting place, Jane Kramer stopped by the stadium entrance in the hope of adding a Field Sparrow to the outing list. She did not hear any Field Sparrows, but did hear a really good bird for Conestee, an Eastern Meadowlark. We birded the paved lakeside trail and then went as far as the observation deck on the blue trail. Not unexpectedly in late August, the birding was rather slow, particularly along the natural surface trails in the wooded areas, and a couple of the first time birder guests were probably frustrated and disappointed. We decided to head back to the paved trail rather than continue the loop along the Reedy. Despite the low numbers of individual birds and of some common expected species (e.g. Red-shouldered Hawk, Am. Crow, TV....) we managed to assemble a list of 42 species during the morning's outing – a creditable total for this time of the year. Apart from the Meadowlark, highlights included the Blue-winged Teal, Great Egret, Great Crested Flycatcher, Red-eyed Vireo, and Am. Redstart. And, as all local birders know – after August the birding can only get better!

Bird List: Number of species: 42

Canada Goose (feral) 4
Wood Duck 9
Mallard (Domestic type) 14
Blue-winged Teal 1
Great Blue Heron 3
Great Egret 1
Cooper's Hawk 1
Killdeer 1
Rock Pigeon 10
Mourning Dove 6
Chimney Swift 5
Ruby-throated Hummingbird 2

Belted Kingfisher 3
Red-bellied Woodpecker 3
Downy Woodpecker 4
Eastern Phoebe 1
Great Crested Flycatcher 1
White-eyed Vireo 1
Red-eyed Vireo 1
Blue Jay 2
Carolina Chickadee 5
Tufted Titmouse 3
White-breasted Nuthatch 2
Brown-headed Nuthatch 4
Carolina Wren 6
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 2
Eastern Bluebird 10
American Robin 13
Gray Catbird 1
Northern Mockingbird 1
Brown Thrasher 1
European Starling 5
Pine Warbler 1
American Redstart 2
Eastern Towhee 1
Northern Cardinal 8
Indigo Bunting 1
Red-winged Blackbird 1
Eastern Meadowlark 1
Common Grackle (Purple) 20
House Finch 5
American Goldfinch 7