

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

- Dates:** March 21, 2009
- Locations:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC
- Leader:** Paul Serridge
- Comments:** 17 GCBC members and guests birded Lake Conestee Nature Park this morning. We started along the trail which is under construction along the side of the lake and wetlands. We listed 50 species. Highlights were a Northern Harrier, Hermit Thrush, Brown Creeper, Pine Warblers, and first of the year Blue-headed Vireo (singing intermittently and hesitantly) and Blue-gray Gnatcatchers. It was also nice to see 3 small flocks of Cedar Waxwings (or the same flock on 3 occasions?). We counted only 8 Rusty Blackbirds foraging at the edge of the wetlands, but I'm sure that there are still a lot of Rusties around. We did not visit the Forrester Farm section of the park. There may still be ducks at the north end of Lake Conestee. Three birders from Hendersonville reported 2 Cooper's Hawks, bringing the morning's list to 51.

- Bird List:** Species:
- Canada Goose
  - Wood Duck
  - Mallard
  - Pied-billed Grebe
  - Great Blue Heron
  - Turkey Vulture
  - Northern Harrier
  - Cooper's Hawk
  - Red-shouldered Hawk
  - Red-tailed Hawk
  - Rock Pigeon
  - Mourning Dove
  - Belted Kingfisher
  - Red-bellied Woodpecker
  - Downy Woodpecker
  - Northern Flicker
  - Eastern Phoebe
  - Blue-headed Vireo
  - Blue Jay

American Crow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown-headed Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper  
Carolina Wren  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling  
Cedar Waxwing  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Pine Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Eastern Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Northern Cardinal  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Rusty Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
House Finch