

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: Sunday April 29, 2012

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Leader: Paul Serridge

Comments:

5 GCBC members and 2 guests, one of them a visitor from England, participated in a good morning's birding at Conestee.

We had hoped to break the one-day Conestee record which stands at 73, reported from the GCBC Migration Count on April 18, 2009. We came close with a list of 67.

Chip Gilbert had led the 2012 Migration Count at Conestee the previous day and listed 65 species. When the 2 lists from the weekend are combined the total is 78 species – showing that breaking the record is, at least, a good possibility at this time of year.

In fact, Brad Dalton had already come close with 70 species on April 19.

In the list which follows bold type indicates some highlights.

Bird list:

Canada Goose 18

Wood Duck 5

Mallard (Domestic type) 4

Blue-winged Teal 6

Wild Turkey 2

Pied-billed Grebe 1

American Bittern 1

Great Blue Heron 14

Turkey Vulture 2

Red-shouldered Hawk 5

Killdeer 2

Solitary Sandpiper 3

Lesser Yellowlegs 1

Rock Pigeon 1

Mourning Dove 7

Barred Owl 1

Chimney Swift 12

Belted Kingfisher 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker 9

Downy Woodpecker 7

Pileated Woodpecker 1

Eastern Wood-Pewee 5

Acadian Flycatcher 1

Eastern Phoebe 5

Great Crested Flycatcher 1

White-eyed Vireo 9

Red-eyed Vireo 8

Blue Jay 3

American Crow 10

Fish Crow 2
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 5
Barn Swallow 8
Carolina Chickadee 17
Tufted Titmouse 10
White-breasted Nuthatch 2
Brown-headed Nuthatch 3
Carolina Wren 16
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 18
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2
Eastern Bluebird 7
American Robin 2
Gray Catbird 5
Northern Mockingbird 3
Brown Thrasher 8
European Starling 15
Cedar Waxwing 60
Common Yellowthroat 5
Hooded Warbler 4
Cape May Warbler 2 2 brightly marked males. Face patch very evident. One on paved trail about 1 mile from Spanco, one from boardwalk over Marrowbone Creek on white trail.
Northern Parula 5
Pine Warbler 6
Yellow-rumped Warbler 2
Eastern Towhee 10
Chipping Sparrow 1
Field Sparrow 1
Swamp Sparrow 1
White-throated Sparrow 3
Northern Cardinal 24
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 1
Blue Grosbeak 2
Indigo Bunting 8
Red-winged Blackbird 20
Common Grackle 9
Brown-headed Cowbird 7
House Finch 2
American Goldfinch 15
House Sparrow 1