

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

**Date:** February 2 – 3, 2013

**Location:** Santee National Wildlife Refuge

**Leaders:** Susie Heisey and Irvin Pitts

Susie Heisey and Irvin Pitts led a group of 15 birders through the Bluff Unit of Santee National Wildlife Refuge. We started at the Bluff Unit, where we spotted Sandhill Cranes, a dozen species of ducks, Common Gallinule, and several species of raptors among the fields and impoundments. On the Wright's Bluff Nature Trail, we found Orange-crowned and Black-and-white Warblers, Blue-headed Vireo, Winter Wrens, Hermit Thrushes, Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher, Red-breasted Nuthatches, and Brown Creepers, among others. Near the Indian Mound, we also picked up a Yellow-throated Warbler.

After lunch at the Visitor Center, some of the group moved on to the Cuddo East Unit, where we again found a nice variety, including White Pelicans, Anhinga, and Sedge Wren.

On the way back to the Upstate, a pair of birders stopped back by the Bluff Unit and found Tundra Swans, while another group closed out the evening at Cuddo, watching evening flights of huge numbers of Great Egrets and various blackbirds.

On Sunday, a smaller group of birders started the day by relocating the Tundra Swans that had been spotted the previous day, then moving on to the Pine Island Unit. While we were unable to find a Le Conte's or Henslow's Sparrow, we were rewarded with a Peregrine Falcon, a Loggerhead Shrike, and several of the other good birds that had been seen earlier in the trip.

Special thanks are due to Susie and Irvin for leading the group. For the second year, Susie generously showed us into areas to which we would not otherwise have had access.

We had a great trip, finishing with 104 species! The full list is below.

Canada Goose	Double-crested Cormorant	Killdeer
Tundra Swan	Anhinga	Wilson's Snipe
Wood Duck	American White Pelican	Bonaparte's Gull
Gadwall	Great Blue Heron	Ring-billed Gull
American Wigeon	Great Egret	Herring Gull
American Black Duck	White Ibis	Forster's Tern
Mallard	Black Vulture	Rock Pigeon
Blue-winged Teal	Turkey Vulture	Mourning Dove
Northern Shoveler	Osprey	Great Horned Owl
Northern Pintail	Bald Eagle	Belted Kingfisher
Green-winged Teal	Northern Harrier	Red-headed Woodpecker
Ring-necked Duck	Sharp-shinned Hawk	Red-bellied Woodpecker
Hooded Merganser	Cooper's Hawk	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Ruddy Duck	Red-shouldered Hawk	Downy Woodpecker
Wild Turkey	Red-tailed Hawk	Hairy Woodpecker
Common Loon	Common Gallinule	Northern Flicker
Pied-billed Grebe	American Coot	Pileated Woodpecker
Horned Grebe	Sandhill Crane	American Kestrel

Peregrine Falcon  
Eastern Phoebe  
Loggerhead Shrike  
White-eyed Vireo  
Blue-headed Vireo  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Fish Crow  
Tree Swallow  
Carolina Chickadee  
Tufted Titmouse  
Red-breasted Nuthatch  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown-headed Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper  
House Wren  
Winter Wren

Sedge Wren  
Carolina Wren  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Eastern Bluebird  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin  
Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
Cedar Waxwing  
European Starling  
Black-and-white Warbler  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Palm Warbler  
Pine Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Eastern Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
Northern Cardinal  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
American Goldfinch

