

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: Saturday Feb 16, 2013

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Leaders: Paul Serridge, Denise DuPon

Comments:

Only one other GCBC member showed up for the outing on a cold but bright morning. Fortunately, we had 4 non-members with us, one of whom lives on the Outer Banks, NC. We started by doing the East Bay loop and found a variety of duck species: N. Shovelers, Ring-necked Ducks, Gadwall, Ruddy Duck, Mallard, and the first Blue-winged Teal of the month, a beautifully marked male.

While at the observation deck we observed a pair of Red-shouldered Hawks mating.

We then carpoled to the Spanco trail-head and birded the trails back to the cars.

In all we reported 46 species. Unfortunately, we did not see any Rusty Blackbirds which would have been a life-bird for some of the non-members.

Brad Dalton birded part of the Swamp rabbit Trail a little later than the main group and saw an estimated 120 Rusties along the side of Crescent Slough. It has been reported on several occasions recently that the birds show up there late morning and we were too early! Brad said that they were very vocal and they definitely were NOT there when the main group passed that spot an hour earlier.

The list which follows is a combination of the group's and Brad's lists.

We raised this month's species list to 74, a new February record.

Bird list: 58 species

Canada Goose 15

Wood Duck 7

Gadwall 4

Mallard 18

Blue-winged Teal 1 Adult male

Northern Shoveler 11

Ring-necked Duck 7

Ruddy Duck 1

Pied-billed Grebe 5

Great Blue Heron 5

Turkey Vulture 2

Red-shouldered Hawk 5

American Coot 1 South Bay

Killdeer 2

Rock Pigeon 1

Mourning Dove 4

Belted Kingfisher 1

Red-headed Woodpecker 2

Red-bellied Woodpecker 7

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 5

Downy Woodpecker 6

Northern Flicker 2

Pileated Woodpecker 1
Eastern Phoebe 7
Blue Jay 4
Am. Crow 1
Fish Crow 4
Carolina Chickadee 16
Tufted Titmouse 8
White-breasted Nuthatch 2
Brown-headed Nuthatch 1
Winter Wren 2
Carolina Wren 11
Golden-crowned Kinglet 9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 6
Eastern Bluebird 4
American Robin 10
Northern Mockingbird 4
Brown Thrasher 4
European Starling 14
Cedar Waxwing 1
Common Yellowthroat 1 Male
Pine Warbler 3
Yellow-rumped Warbler 2
Eastern Towhee 7
Field Sparrow 3
Fox Sparrow 1 East Bay
Song Sparrow 16
Swamp Sparrow 5
White-throated Sparrow 15
Northern Cardinal 17
Red-winged Blackbird 15
Rusty Blackbird 120
Common Grackle 4
Brown-headed Cowbird 1
Purple Finch 7
House Finch 3
Goldfinch 3