

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: April, 13, 2013
Location: Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve, Greenville, S.C.
Leader: Brad Dalton, Piedmont, S.C.
Species List
Compiled by: Brad Dalton
Total Species: 50 species
Resources: https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/managedland?p_id=6 (Foundational information)
https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/directions?p_id=6 (Directions)
Trip Logistics: 8:15 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. 1.5 miles GCBC Outing

Eight members and guests had perfect weather for a morning at Bunched Arrowhead Heritage Preserve. Upon arrival, the group was greeted by a Blue Grosbeak singing from the top of a tree across from the parking lot. There was quite a bit of birding to be done before even hitting the trail as we listened to the morning chorus that included meadowlarks, Common Yellowthroats, and a Prairie Warbler that didn't seem to want to be found. Others vying for attention were a few local roosters and a boisterous peacock that clamored to be counted.

Eight warbler species were located throughout the hike and the group had great looks at Palm, Prairie, Black-throated Blue, and Common Yellowthroat. Persistence paid off with the Prairie when, after listening to it for at least fifteen minutes, we finally spotted it in the top of a pine and were able to watch it sing in full sunlight. Some other late highlights included Red-breasted Nuthatch and a female Hooded Merganser.

Canada Goose	6	
Wood Duck	2	
Hooded Merganser	1	<i>female</i>
Wild Turkey	1	
Black Vulture	1	
Turkey Vulture	1	
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	
Red-tailed Hawk	4	<i>All seen soaring over the back field</i>
Mourning Dove	1	
Chimney Swift	1	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	
Downy Woodpecker	2	
Eastern Phoebe	1	
White-eyed Vireo	9	
Blue-headed Vireo	2	
Blue Jay	7	
American Crow	2	
Barn Swallow	3	

Carolina Chickadee	8	
Tufted Titmouse	4	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	
Brown-headed Nuthatch	1	
Carolina Wren	13	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	11	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	6	
Eastern Bluebird	9	
Hermit Thrush	2	
Northern Mockingbird	2	
Brown Thrasher	3	
Louisiana Waterthrush	1	<i>Heard singing deep in woods</i>
Common Yellowthroat	9	
Northern Parula	2	
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	<i>Great looks up close at a singing male.</i>
Palm Warbler	7	<i>Great close looks in the middle of the trail</i>
Pine Warbler	4	
Yellow-rumped Warbler	7	
Prairie Warbler	2	

After searching in vain for one that was singing when we first arrived, we were able to find one singing in a pine tree as we re-entered the first field at the end of the walk.

Eastern Towhee	9	
Chipping Sparrow	4	
Field Sparrow	12	
Savannah Sparrow	5	
Swamp Sparrow	1	
White-throated Sparrow	8	
Northern Cardinal	16	
Blue Grosbeak	1	<i>Singing from top of tree near the monastery</i>
Eastern Meadowlark	4	
Common Grackle	1	
Brown-headed Cowbird	5	
House Finch	1	
American Goldfinch	3	

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