

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: May 18, 2013

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park

Leader: Paul Serridge

Despite the poor weather forecast 8 stalwart club members showed up at 6.30 to bird Lake Conestee Nature Park. Unfortunately light rain began almost as we started on the East Bay Loop. By 7.30 the rain was heavy enough for us to "officially" call off the birding.

2 more birders (one with twin 3-year-olds) showed up at Spanco at 8 and we birded the Swamp rabbit Trail for a short time - umbrella birding! Eventually, we decided that the rain had won!

Although there were not many birds the list total was 41 species. It wasn't too long ago when that would have been considered a very respectable total. But, given recent reports, I was anticipating 60+ today if the weather had cooperated. Maybe next time.

The White-rumped Sandpiper was not seen at Spanco (last reported Thursday evening) but there were still **2 Semi-palmated Plovers on the muddy spit opposite the parking area.**

The Field Sparrows were, surprisingly, the first reported this month bringing the MTD species total to 109.

Species list (41)

Canada Goose 9	Great Crested Flycatcher 1	Northern Mockingbird 3
Wood Duck 6	Eastern Kingbird 2	European Starling 6
Mallard 1	White-eyed Vireo 1	Common Yellowthroat 5
Wild Turkey 1	Blue Jay 1	Pine Warbler 2
Great Blue Heron 6	American Crow 1	Eastern Towhee 2
Green Heron 1	Fish Crow 1	Field Sparrow 2
Red-shouldered Hawk 2	crow species. 4	Northern Cardinal 7
Semipalmated Plover 2	Northern Rough-winged	Indigo Bunting 3
Killdeer 3	Swallow 2	Red-winged Blackbird 8
Mourning Dove 2	Barn Swallow 8	Common Grackle 1
Chimney Swift 1	Carolina Chickadee 3	Brown-headed Cowbird 3
Red-bellied Woodpecker 1	Tufted Titmouse 1	Orchard Oriole 1
Downy Woodpecker 3	Carolina Wren 2	House Finch 1
Eastern Wood-Pewee 1	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 3	
Eastern Phoebe 2	American Robin 1	