

## Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

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**Date:** June 8, 2013

**Location:** Hospital Fields and Blue Ridge Parkway near Brevard, NC

**Leader:** J.B. Hines

On Saturday June 8th I led the Blue Ridge Parkway outing. Seven birders joined me on a very pleasant day of birding. Weather conditions were excellent all day and we found the majority of the birds normally seen this time of year.

We started the day at Hospital Fields in Brevard where we found most of the usual lower elevation species including House Wren, Common Ravens and a fly-over Peregrine Falcon. The Peregrine was a good omen since we knew that they are not nesting at Devil's Courthouse, our last planned stop for the day.

At Pink Beds picnic area we saw Black-throated Blue Warblers (male & female) and an accommodating Louisiana Waterthrush. Farther up Hwy 276 at Buck Springs trailhead we found Blackburnian Warbler and Ovenbird, which were photographed by Don Faulkner.

At the Mt. Pisgah trailhead parking area we added our first of many Chestnut-sided Warblers and a Veery. After lunch at the nearby picnic area we headed west on the BRP to the Black Balsam area where we found Alder and Least Flycatchers and a Canada Warbler.

J.B. Hines

### Species List (68 Total)

Great Blue Heron	Great Crested Flycatcher
Green Heron	Tree Swallow
Turkey Vulture	Northern Rough-winged Swallow
Broad-winged Hawk	Barn Swallow
Red-tailed Hawk	Blue Jay
Peregrine Falcon	American Crow
Mourning Dove	Common Raven
Chimney Swift	Carolina Chickadee
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Tufted Titmouse
Belted Kingfisher	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Carolina Wren
Downy Woodpecker	House Wren
Pileated Woodpecker	Golden-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Wood-Pee-wee	Eastern Bluebird
Acadian Flycatcher	Veery
Alder Flycatcher	Wood Thrush
Least Flycatcher	American Robin
Eastern Phoebe	Gray Catbird

Northern Mockingbird  
Brown Thrasher  
Cedar Waxwing  
European Starling  
Blue-headed Vireo  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Northern Parula  
Chestnut-sided Warbler  
Black-throated Blue Warbler  
Black-throated Green Warbler  
Black-and-white Warbler  
Ovenbird  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Common Yellowthroat  
Hooded Warbler  
Canada Warbler

Summer Tanager  
Scarlet Tanager  
Northern Cardinal  
Indigo Bunting  
Eastern Towhee  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow



Chestnut-sided Warbler



Ovenbird

*Both photos courtesy of Don Faulkner*