

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: October 5, 2013

Location: Table Rock and Caesar's Head State Parks

Leader: Scott Stegenga

Scott Stegenga led a group of nine birders around Table Rock State Park on Saturday. We started by birding our way along the shoreline of the lake behind the visitor center, where we found migrants and early arrivals of winter birds, such as Yellow-bellied Sapsucker and Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Eastern Wood-Pewees and Gray Catbirds were out in good numbers on their way south, and a couple of Magnolia Warblers made a few appearances.

We had a great collection of thrushes in the trees along the entrance road, near the old Camp Oolenoy site, including Wood Thrushes, Swainson's Thrushes, Gray-cheeked Thrush (one or two), and a Veery that was occasionally even singing. Across the road on the north side of Highway 11, we found more thrushes and a Summer Tanager to go along with the Scarlet we'd found earlier.

After lunch, some of us continued to Caesar's Head State Park to check in on the hawk watch. While there weren't many raptors out, we did see a Sharp-shinned and a Cooper's Hawk taking passes at one another, as well as a young Peregrine, probably a local bird. A couple of soaring Common Ravens and the nice view also made it worth the trip up there. All in all, it was a nice day. The complete species list is below.

Species List (53 Total)

Great Blue Heron	Eastern Phoebe	Northern Mockingbird
Turkey Vulture	Blue-headed Vireo	Brown Thrasher
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Red-eyed Vireo	Magnolia Warbler
Cooper's Hawk	Blue Jay	Palm Warbler
Red-shouldered Hawk	American Crow	Pine Warbler
Red-tailed Hawk	Common Raven	Black-throated Green
Mourning Dove	Carolina Chickadee	Warbler
Great Horned Owl	Tufted Titmouse	Eastern Towhee
Chimney Swift	White-breasted Nuthatch	Chipping Sparrow
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Brown-headed Nuthatch	Song Sparrow
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Carolina Wren	Dark-eyed Junco
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Summer Tanager
Downy Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird	Scarlet Tanager
Hairy Woodpecker	Veery	Northern Cardinal
Northern Flicker	Gray-cheeked Thrush	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Pileated Woodpecker	Swainson's Thrush	Indigo Bunting
Peregrine Falcon	Wood Thrush	Orchard Oriole
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Gray Catbird	American Goldfinch



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