

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: November 9, 2013
Location: Townville Area (Dobbins Farm, Beaverdam Creek WMA, and Prater Farm, permission obtained for the Club to access private locations.)
Leader: Jeff Click
Species List Compiled by: Jeff Click
Resources: Directions: Exit 11 from I-85 onto Highway 24
Beaverdam Creek WMA: https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/managedland?p_id=700
Duration: 8:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Total Species: 64

Eleven birders enjoyed a cool morning of birding. On the way to Dobbins Farm, we spotted Red-tailed and Cooper's Hawks working the fields and tree lines. At the farm, we found Savannah and Song Sparrows, Eastern Meadowlarks, Ring-necked Ducks and a Lesser Scaup, some fly-over American Pipits, and a distant Red-headed Woodpecker. Just down the road at Beaverdam Creek WMA, we spotted some Rusty Blackbirds, found both species of Kinglets, and had much better looks at Red-headed Woodpeckers, among many others. We had a great woodpecker day, finding all seven species that can be expected. White-throated, Swamp, and Field Sparrows were all found near the entrance to the WMA as well. Peering in from the edge of the WMA, now closed for hunting, we spotted more Ring-necked Ducks, Mallards, Canada Geese, and Pied-billed Grebes.

At the bridge on Fork School Road, we had a Song Sparrow with an aberrant song that threw us off for a while, along with a bunch more sparrows to sort through. From there we moved on to Prater Farm, where we picked up two more birders as well as Vesper, White-crowned, and House Sparrows, Eurasian Collared-Dove, and were flown over by a large flock of Pipits. We were not able to find the resident Barn Owl, but did find Loggerhead Shrike.

After lunch, a few members stopped by Townville Landing to check the lake, where Common Loons, American Coots, and Pied-billed Grebes, were located. Though spotted by the Keowee-Clemson Bird Club earlier in the day, we located no Horned Grebes. A few distant gulls- probably Ring-billed -were too far off to identify with certainty.

Canada Goose	Downy Woodpecker	Palm Warbler
Wood Duck	Hairy Woodpecker	Yellow-rumped Warbler
Mallard	Northern Flicker	Eastern Towhee
Ring-necked Duck	Pileated Woodpecker	Field Sparrow
Lesser Scaup	American Kestrel	Vesper Sparrow
Common Loon	Eastern Phoebe	Savannah Sparrow
Pied-billed Grebe	Blue Jay	Song Sparrow
Double-crested Cormorant	American Crow	Swamp Sparrow
Great Blue Heron	Fish Crow	White-throated Sparrow
Black Vulture	Carolina Chickadee	White-crowned Sparrow
Turkey Vulture	Tufted Titmouse	Northern Cardinal
Cooper's Hawk	House Wren	Red-winged Blackbird
Red-shouldered Hawk	Carolina Wren	Eastern Meadowlark
Red-tailed Hawk	Golden-crowned Kinglet	Rusty Blackbird
American Coot	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Common Grackle
Killdeer	Eastern Bluebird	Brown-headed Cowbird
Rock Pigeon	Hermit Thrush	American Goldfinch
Eurasian Collared-Dove	American Robin	House Sparrow
Mourning Dove	Northern Mockingbird	
Belted Kingfisher	Brown Thrasher	
Red-headed Woodpecker	European Starling	
Red-bellied Woodpecker	American Pipit	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Cedar Waxwing	



Eurasian Collared-Dove

**A volt or venue
{a perching group}
of Black Vultures**



Hermit Thrush





Red-headed Woodpecker

Northern Mockingbird



Savannah Sparrow



Swamp Sparrow



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