

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: Saturday, January 4, 2014

Location: Lake Cunningham, Berry's Mill Pond and Lake Robinson, Greenville, S.C.

Leader: J.B. Hines

List

Compilation: Chip Gilbert

Duration: 8:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.

Species: 32

The Lakes of Greenville County outing was attended by nine warmly-dressed birders. Since part of Lake Cunningham and all the water of Berry's Millpond were frozen, the group concentrated attention on Lake Robinson, where open water remained.

At Lake Cunningham, the group found Rusty Blackbirds, Wood Ducks, and a few woodland species. With Berry's Mill Pond frozen, the group moved on to Lake Robinson. At the dam, several members saw an immature Bald Eagle. Most all of the waterfowl were seen from the picnic area at the dam. Both species of grebe observed from the causeway on Few's Bridge Road. The wetland area on the upper end of the lake provided most of the woodland species seen for the day.

A great contrast between today's outing, with temps in the 20's with a total of 32 species, existed in comparison to last year's outing, which was unseasonably warm at ~70 degrees, resulting in a total of 62 species.

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| Canada Goose | Red-bellied Woodpecker |
| Wood Duck | Downy Woodpecker |
| Gadwall | Northern Flicker |
| Mallard | Pileated Woodpecker |
| Redhead | Blue Jay |
| Bufflehead | American Crow |
| Pied-billed Grebe | Carolina Chickadee |
| Horned Grebe | Tufted Titmouse |
| Great Blue Heron | White-breasted Nuthatch |
| Bald Eagle | Eastern Bluebird |
| Red-shouldered Hawk | American Robin |
| Red-tailed Hawk | Eastern Towhee |
| American Coot | Song Sparrow |
| Ring-billed Gull | Northern Cardinal |
| Mourning Dove | Rusty Blackbird |
| Belted Kingfisher | American Goldfinch |

Photograph:

Findings courtesy of Chip Gilbert, and photo courtesy of Donnie Coody

After Chip Gilbert spotted the ducks on a small pond at the Stamey Valley RV Park, near Wilson's Farm, Donnie Coody traveled to photograph them. Though these exact birds were not found as part of the Club's outing today, the species was observed during the event.



Redheads