

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: June 7, 2013

Location: Blue Ridge Parkway north of Asheville, NC

Leader: Jeff Click



Four birders had a great outing along the Blue Ridge Parkway north of Asheville on Saturday. We started at the Folk Art Center, where we were surprised to hear a Brown-headed Nuthatch, always a tough bird to find in the mountains. From there we moved onto Craven Gap where, after some persistence, we found a pair of Kentucky Warblers chasing each other around, along with several other species. Just a bit farther up the parkway, we eventually found a Cerulean Warbler after driving under a singing bird and circling back to find him. Nearby we also had our first Blackburnian Warbler, and also heard Redstart and Yellow-throated Vireo.

Continuing, we had a nice look at Winter Wren near Craggy Gardens, where we also glimpsed a Rose-breasted Grosbeak flying by and heard our first Veery and Canada Warbler of the day. At Balsam Gap we found the usual Golden-crowned Kinglets, Red-breasted Nuthatches, Brown Creepers, and more Blackburnian Warblers.

After a lunch and some birding at Mount Mitchell, we birded briefly at Bald Knob Ridge, getting a nice look at a Hermit Thrush. We then came down Curtis Creek Road, stopping along the way to bird. One of the most interesting sights was a fledgling Ovenbird being tended by a parent. We also got brief but good looks at a Swainson's Warbler. We finished with briefly spotting a Louisiana Waterthrush walking in a creek on our way out. Overall, we had 67 species, which are listed below.

Videos

Jan Timmer, a birder visiting from Amsterdam, Netherlands, recorded and shared these videos:

Swainson's Warbler <http://youtu.be/wzadRyyKZ6Q>

Ovenbird (fledgling) <http://youtu.be/gTbOTss48WI>

Chestnut Sided Warbler <http://youtu.be/ug4ZUkVluLs>

Species List (67 Total)

Wild Turkey	Acadian Flycatcher
Black Vulture	Eastern Phoebe
Turkey Vulture	Yellow-throated Vireo
Broad-winged Hawk	Blue-headed Vireo
Red-tailed Hawk	Red-eyed Vireo
Rock Pigeon	Blue Jay
Mourning Dove	American Crow
Chimney Swift	Common Raven
Ruby-throated Hummingbird	Barn Swallow
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Carolina Chickadee
Downy Woodpecker	Tufted Titmouse
Hairy Woodpecker	Red-breasted Nuthatch
Pileated Woodpecker	White-breasted Nuthatch
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Brown-headed Nuthatch

Brown Creeper
House Wren
Winter Wren
Carolina Wren
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Eastern Bluebird
Veery
Hermit Thrush
Wood Thrush
American Robin
Gray Catbird
Brown Thrasher
European Starling
Cedar Waxwing
Ovenbird
Worm-eating Warbler
Louisiana Waterthrush
Black-and-white Warbler
Swainson's Warbler

Kentucky Warbler
Hooded Warbler
American Redstart
Cerulean Warbler
Northern Parula
Blackburnian Warbler
Chestnut-sided Warbler
Black-throated Blue Warbler
Black-throated Green Warbler
Canada Warbler
Eastern Towhee
Song Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Scarlet Tanager
Northern Cardinal
Rose-breasted Grosbeak
Indigo Bunting
Common Grackle
American Goldfinch



Canada Warbler



Ovenbird Fledgling

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