

# Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

- Date:** Saturday, July 19, 2014
- Location:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC
- Leaders:** Paul Serridge and Denise DuPon
- Species Total:** 29, plus one mammal!
- Logistics:** 6:45 AM - 9:45 A.M., traveling 1.3 miles



Probably because of the threat of rain only one GCBC member (Don Faulkner) joined me at the Conestee Park ball-fields at 7 a.m. The light was not too good and there was mist over the East Bay, so we decided to move to the South Bay. After a few minutes Don decided that in the current weather conditions (it had started to rain) he was not going to get any photographs, so he left.

Just before 8 a.m. I was joined by Denise DuPon (the 8 a.m. walk leader) and one other GCBC member, Chad Ponce.

An Osprey, obviously not respecting the park's No Fishing rule, was diving for fish in the lake. We watched it catch a large fish and fly to perch on a dead tree.

The three of us birded the paved trail as far as the Blue Heron boardwalk. If anything the conditions worsened (quite heavy rain) and we decided to return to the cars. A short outing and a short list of birds, although the group did see a beautiful White-tailed doe at the edge of Crescent Slough!

*See species list on the next page.*

**Species List:**

Canada Goose	18	
Wood Duck	3	
Great Blue Heron	2	
<b>Osprey</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Saw it catch a fish in the South Bay lake.</b>
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	
Mourning Dove	3	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1	Possibly two birds; one heard at Spanco, one seen near feeders, 0.6 miles from Spanco
Chimney Swift	12	
Belted Kingfisher	3	Three birds were seen at same time in South Bay.
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	
Eastern Phoebe	1	
American Crow	5	
crow sp.	3	
Northern Rough-winged Swallow	4	
Barn Swallow	27	Perched on wires near old mill.
Carolina Chickadee	1	
Tufted Titmouse	1	
Carolina Wren	2	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	1	
Eastern Bluebird	1	
Northern Mockingbird	2	
European Starling	1	
Common Yellowthroat	2	
Eastern Towhee	2	
Chipping Sparrow	1	
Field Sparrow	1	
Northern Cardinal	7	
Red-winged Blackbird	7	
Common Grackle	10	
American Goldfinch	3	