

# Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report



**Date:** Saturday, December 13, 2014

**Location:** Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

**Event:** Impromptu outing to enjoy the unusually warm December weather

**Leaders:** Paul Serridge

**Lists & Narrative:** Paul Serridge

**Photographs:** Courtesy of Len Kopka { White-throated Sparrow and Winter Wren }

**Species Total:** 49

**Logistics** 7:45 AM - 12:15 PM  
Protocol: Traveling 2.0 miles  
Temperature: 33 F at start, 45 F at finish, with almost no wind. We birded the East Bay Loop and then the paved trail for about 0.8 miles to the Blue Heron boardwalk.

Eight GCBC members enjoyed a good morning's birding at Conestee, locating 49 species. A single Common Grackle would have made it 50!

Sharpie and Snipe were new additions to this month's list, bringing it to 61.

The Wilson's Snipe were in the marshy area directly opposite the Spanco parking area and VERY WELL camouflaged.

We found three of the target species: Fox Sparrow, Rusty Blackbird and Purple Finch. We dipped on Pine Siskin.



**Species List:**

Canada Goose	16	Eastern Phoebe	3	Common Yellowthroat	1
Wood Duck	1	Blue Jay	4	Pine Warbler	2
Gadwall	7	American Crow	2	Yellow-rumped Warbler	3
Mallard	13	Carolina Chickadee	10	Eastern Towhee	4
Pied-billed Grebe	3	Tufted Titmouse	12	Chipping Sparrow	8
Great Blue Heron	3	White-breasted Nuthatch	1	Field Sparrow	5
Turkey Vulture	1	Winter Wren	1	Fox Sparrow	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	Carolina Wren	8	Song Sparrow	10
Red-shouldered Hawk	1	Golden-crowned Kinglet	3	Swamp Sparrow	3
Killdeer	2	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	13	White-throated Sparrow	11
Wilson's Snipe	3	Eastern Bluebird	5	Dark-eyed Junco	12
Mourning Dove	5	Hermit Thrush	7	Northern Cardinal	12
Belted Kingfisher	2	American Robin	3	Rusty Blackbird	70
Red-bellied Woodpecker	3	Brown Thrasher	4	All at or close to Crescent Slough. Flock of 30 and smaller groups.	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	1	Northern Mockingbird	3	House Finch	6
Downy Woodpecker	5	European Starling	6	Purple Finch	6
Northern Flicker	1			1 male, 5 females or immature males	
				American Goldfinch	3

