

Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: Saturday, February 21, 2015

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Leaders: Denise DuPon and Paul Serridge

Two separate trips were held, both starting at 8 a.m.

Cool at the start (29F), close to 40F at noon. Very little wind.

The longer trip (all morning): 5 club members and 2 guests started at the ball-fields, birded the East Bay loop before car-pooling to Spanco and birding the trails back to the ball-fields. We were birding very slowly and, despite not going to the West Bay obs.

Deck, did not finish until after 12.30 p.m.

The shorter trip (2.5 hours): 2 members met at Spanco and birded the paved trail before turning around to return to Spanco.

In fact, Denise, the leader of the shorter trip, joined the rest of us to continue birding.

The combined lists (see below) show a **total of 51 species**.

Highlights were Green-winged Teal, Gadwall, Hooded Mergansers, a well-camouflaged Wilson's Snipe, and close to 200 Rusty Blackbirds.

A good morning's birding.

Species	Short walk	Long walk
Canada Goose	22	32
Wood Duck	4	9
Gadwall		2
Mallard	3	35
Green-winged Teal		2
Hooded Merganser	1	6
Pied-billed Grebe		2
Great Blue Heron	1	3
Turkey Vulture	1	2
Red-shouldered Hawk		1
Red-tailed Hawk		2
Killdeer	1	4
Wilson's Snipe	1	1
Mourning Dove	1	7
Red-bellied Woodpecker	2	4
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1
Downy Woodpecker	3	5
Northern Flicker	1	2
Eastern Phoebe	2	2
Blue Jay	6	5
American Crow	3	8

Fish Crow		1
Carolina Chickadee	6	10
Tufted Titmouse	4	10
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	4
Brown-headed Nuthatch	1	1
Carolina Wren	4	4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	4	2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	2	3
Eastern Bluebird		4
Hermit Thrush	3	3
American Robin	2	4
Brown Thrasher	5	7
Northern Mockingbird	3	2
European Starling		20
Pine Warbler		1
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	6
Eastern Towhee	4	3
Field Sparrow		1
Song Sparrow	10	8
Swamp Sparrow	4	6
White-throated Sparrow	7	7
Dark-eyed Junco		1
Northern Cardinal	7	14
Red-winged Blackbird		15
Rusty Blackbird	3	190
Common Grackle		1
House Finch		2
Purple Finch	1	2
American Goldfinch	30	12
House Sparrow		1
Totals: 51	35	51