

## ***Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report***

**Date:** Saturday, March 21, 2015

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

**Leaders:** Denise DuPon and Paul Serridge

Two separate walks took place, both starting at 8 a.m.

The weather was perfect for birding with warm temperatures (between 48 and 62F), almost no wind, and good light.

The good weather and possibility of plenty of birds brought out more birders than we have seen at Conestee in a long time - if ever!

There was a total of 19 participants on the all-morning outing, although some arrived a little late and some had to leave early; the shorter outing attracted 15 participants, some of whom stayed longer than anticipated and extended the walk as far as the Bird Nest.

The combined lists (see below) show a **total of 55 species**.

**Highlights were first of the season Northern Rough-winged Swallows, an early Solitary Sandpiper (first ever in any month of March), and 2 Barred Owls, one of which was very close to the paved trail.**

**An excellent morning's birding was enhanced by good looks at a Muskrat feeding in the South Bay, and a 5 feet long Rat Snake on a fallen tree near the Reedy River bridge.**

<b>Species</b>	<b>Short walk</b>	<b>Long walk</b>
Canada Goose	4	11
Wood Duck	2	6
Gadwall		2
Mallard	3	12
Blue-winged Teal	2	3
Ring-necked Duck	1	1
Pied-billed Grebe	2	3
Great Blue Heron	7	11
Turkey Vulture		1
Red-shouldered Hawk	2	5
Killdeer	1	2
Solitary Sandpiper	1	1
Mourning Dove	4	4
Barred Owl		2
Belted Kingfisher	1	2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	1	8
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		5
Downy Woodpecker	3	6
Northern Flicker	1	1

Pileated Woodpecker		1
Eastern Phoebe	2	6
Blue Jay	5	7
American Crow		3
Fish Crow	4	2
N. Rough-winged Swallow		4
Tree Swallow		5
Carolina Chickadee	9	9
Tufted Titmouse	6	6
White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1
Brown-headed Nuthatch		3
Brown Creeper		1
Carolina Wren	6	4
Golden-crowned Kinglet		3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	3	3
Eastern Bluebird		5
Hermit Thrush		1
American Robin	4	10
Brown Thrasher	4	4
Northern Mockingbird	3	2
European Starling		8
Common Yellowthroat	4	4
Pine Warbler		4
Yellow-rumped Warbler	6	12
Eastern Towhee	2	6
Chipping Sparrow		1
Field Sparrow		4
Song Sparrow	2	6
Swamp Sparrow	3	3
White-throated Sparrow	1	9
Northern Cardinal	7	17
Red-winged Blackbird	3	10
Common Grackle		2
Brown-headed Cowbird	2	3
House Finch	3	1
American Goldfinch	6	14
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>55</b>