



Greenville County Bird Club Trip Report

Date: April 18, 2015

Location: Lake Conestee Nature Park, Greenville, SC

Trip leaders: Don Faulkner and Denise DuPon

We had two trips this morning with a total of 23 birders including 18 members and 6 guests. The day started with temperatures in the low 60's and some thick fog that made identifying a Solitary Sandpiper on the mud at Spanco a challenge.

We had a total of 54 species with the highlight being a Merlin perched in a tree off the parking lot at Spanco with prey in his talons. Birding in the parking lot sometimes delivers the best finds! Can anyone identify the prey in Don Faulkner's photo?



Species List	
Long Walk	Short Walk
Canada Goose 9	Canada Goose 6
Wood Duck 14	Wood Duck 3
Mallard 6	Mallard 3
Blue-winged Teal 4	Blue-winged Teal 4
Great Blue Heron 9	Great Blue Heron 9
Green Heron 1	Green Heron 1
Turkey Vulture 1	Turkey Vulture 1
Red-shouldered Hawk 3	
American Coot 2	American Coot 2
Killdeer 2	Killdeer 1
Solitary Sandpiper 1	Solitary Sandpiper 1
Mourning Dove 3	Mourning Dove 1
	Ruby-throated Hummingbird 1
Chimney Swift 2	
Belted Kingfisher 1	Belted Kingfisher 1
Red-bellied Woodpecker 8	Red-bellied Woodpecker 4
Downy Woodpecker 1	Downy Woodpecker 1
Pileated Woodpecker 1	
Merlin 1	
Eastern Phoebe 2	Eastern Phoebe 3
White-eyed Vireo 3	White-eyed Vireo 3
Red-eyed Vireo 1	Red-eyed Vireo 1
Blue Jay 4	Blue Jay 4
American Crow 1	
Fish Crow 4	Fish Crow 2
Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1	Northern Rough-winged Swallow 1
Barn Swallow 12	Barn Swallow 7
Carolina Chickadee 7	Carolina Chickadee 4
Tufted Titmouse 1	Tufted Titmouse 2
Brown-headed Nuthatch 1	
Carolina Wren 3	Carolina Wren 5
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 12	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 6
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1	
Eastern Bluebird 4	
American Robin 2	American Robin 1
Brown Thrasher 1	Brown Thrasher 3
Northern Mockingbird 2	
European Starling 3	European Starling 1
	Cedar Waxwing 10
Prothonotary Warbler 1	
Common Yellowthroat 1	Common Yellowthroat 4
	Yellow-rumped Warbler 1
Eastern Towhee 1	Eastern Towhee 3
Chipping Sparrow 3	
Field Sparrow 4	
	Swamp Sparrow 1
White-throated Sparrow 4	White-throated Sparrow 4
Northern Cardinal 17	Northern Cardinal 4
	Indigo Bunting 1
Red-winged Blackbird 4	Red-winged Blackbird 60
Common Grackle 25	Common Grackle 1
Brown-headed Cowbird 18	Brown-headed Cowbird 1
House Finch 2	House Finch 1
American Goldfinch 5	American Goldfinch 5